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SLO's: Keys to Community Policing

by Ted Hunt

Over 50 local community leaders from across Los Angeles gathered in City Hall on July 12th to protest the new LAPD policy that took away the Senior Lead Officers (SLO) from direct contact with community watch groups. The overwhelming objections were expressed in a very civil but firm manner by the concerned people.

One man expressed his fear about the "elitist, separationist" direction that Chief Bernard Parks is taking the Department. He continued to say that LAPD seems to be headed toward a dictatorship. An article in the *Los Angeles Times* by Patrick McGreevy stated that City Council members were concerned "that community policing has faltered" under the Parks' administration.

Another speaker was Brendan Breslin, a realtor who grew up and still lives in Van Nuys area. Breslin explained that he had been a member of the Van Nuys Area Community Police Advisory Board (C-PAB), but when he disagreed with Robert McNamara, the Commanding Officer of Van Nuys, Breslin was pressured to resign from C-PAB.

Breslin asserted that community watch groups are the eyes and ears for officers when they aren't around. "SLO's are a much needed liaison between the officer on the beat and the neighborhood," Breslin said. "The officer on the beat is generally too busy answering radio calls to spend the time establishing relationships with community leaders."

Breslin illustrated the importance of his point by saying, "if I contact an LAPD officer with good information on suspects and the officer I'm talking to doesn't know me and doesn't know that I'm a reliable source, then the officer may not give my information high priority and may not act on my information until it is too late."

Breslin's advice to Parks was simple, "Get the SLO's back. With their ability to coordinate and resolve specific problems we were able to clean up neighborhoods, eliminate crack houses and make it safe again."



Left to right: Page Miller, State Senator Richard Alarcon and Sandra Munz at the "Wake for SLO's" recently held in Woodley Park.

Another speaker lamented that LAPD's new way of implementing community policing is exactly the opposite of the way that everyone else does community policing, referring to information received from the National Center for Community Policing. "The top-down management model that Parks is advertising is not working. We are the taxpayers. Is this going to be a partnership [with our police department] or a dictatorship?"

Dr. Cheryl Maxson and two of her colleagues from USC's Social Science Research Institute presented the findings of their study entitled, *Perceptions of Crime and Policing in Los Angeles Neighborhoods*, which was funded by the National Institute of Justice. Some of the key findings in that report which relate to SLO's are that people "who have seen or talked with officers in a community setting have more favorable views of the LAPD" and that "LAPD should promote opportunities for informal interactions between officers and residents."

In an interview with the *Thin Blue Line*, Dr. Maxson commented that one of the most important results of her study is that, "Opinions about the police are improved and the public is less likely to be influenced by the media when patrol officers become directly involved in meeting with and talking to the public."



Left to right: Council Members Alex Padilla, Laura Chick and Mike Feuer listen to testimony at open Public Safety Meeting.

Sandra Munz and Page Miller are the valley residents who organized a memorial service for the "death of the SLO's and community policing." Page Miller told the *Thin Blue Line*, "Under the new Parks' program everyone is accountable, so no one is responsible. The direct contact with SLO's, who were accountable, is gone. People aren't talking to the police anymore."

Munz related that, "I understand that young police officers don't want to be at a community

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

The Slow Death of Community-Based Policing

by Dave Hepburn

Under the direction of the Chief of Police, the Department continues to plunge forward with its misguided destruction of Community-Based Policing. The frustration and resentment building among community members, City Councilmembers, senior leads and other Department members is summarily dismissed by the Chief. The Chief remains characteristically confident that he will be proven right in the long run, notwithstanding the overwhelming evidence to the contrary.

The Department displays a patronizing attitude toward community members who express disagreement with the Chief's regressive attitude toward Community-Based Policing. As a result, frustrated community leaders, Department members, and

politicians share their views with the Protective League, giving the League an opportunity to at least publicize their concerns, optimistically hoping that perhaps the Chief will reconsider his decision.

Community leaders express frustration at their inability to get problems addressed in a timely manner like they could when they were able to work through their senior lead officer. Since the reassignment of senior leads, community leaders don't know whom to call. When they eventually do get to talk to someone, too much time has elapsed to effectively address the problem.

Predictably, when everyone is responsible for a problem, no single person can be held accountable for following through. Meetings and crime problems fall through the cracks. The

sergeants can't be blamed because they're tremendously overworked with field responsibilities and 1.28's. The senior leads can't be held responsible because they're dutifully working their A-car, just like the Chief wants. So who's serving those individual community concerns, the ones who really address the Department's goal of "reducing crime and the fear of crime?" Unfortunately, under this system of "it's everyone's job," no one has the time.

Senior leads are frustrated with the destruction of what they worked so hard to achieve. Grooming good Block Captains and developing solid community contacts takes skill, initiative, and a sincere desire to be effective in addressing the community's concerns. Unfortunately, with the senior leads working their Basic Cars most of the

time, community meetings and personal contacts get subordinated to chasing the radio. With 9,600 officers now on the Department, it would seem the Department could find enough officers to field the all-important task of working radio cars while, at the same time, allowing the senior leads to do the task for which they're so skilled.

The message has finally gotten through to City Hall and, as is reported in the above story regarding a recent Public Safety Committee meeting, the politicians are getting an earful from their constituents. How the Department's policies may be affected by the public outcry remains to be seen. Perhaps with the Police Commission under new leadership there will be room for more than just one person's point of view.

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GARY MORGAN, VICE PRESIDENT

My August article is going to be short this month. I have decided to take some time off and visit with my children. I sincerely wish all of you an enjoyable summer and time off with your families.

My most important project is obviously our future contract. I have attempted to identify and establish some of our goals and objectives for the contract in our planning and agenda for this year's Delegates' Conference. The conference will clearly devote the majority of its time to the survey of our membership and objectives of the contract. The survey will be mailed in late September or October to every member of our organization for their individual input. I cannot emphasize the necessity for your undivided attention and response to this important document. The survey will clearly afford every employee the opportunity to voice their concerns or needs on an individual basis. The Los Angeles Police Protective League Board and negotiating team truly do seek your

recommendations and insight on this very important issue. I need to bring you a contract you not only deserve, but one comprised of issues you need as well.

The conference will also be working on how we improve the delegates' system, provide better service to the members, and develop a stronger communications network. These improvements will honestly benefit the future of our organization and future success of our labor issues.

I wanted everyone to know we are also working at resolving the "Y2K" deployment problems, "DNC" deployment situation, and the new overtime reporting procedures. I've been given the responsibility to meet with the Department on these very important issues, during the meet-and-confer process. I will report back to you as the issues are resolved or as information becomes available. I wanted this information out so everyone knows we are dealing with these issues.

Have a great summer!

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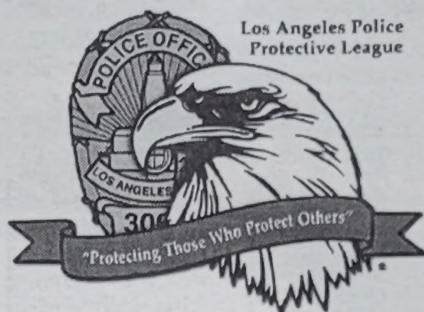
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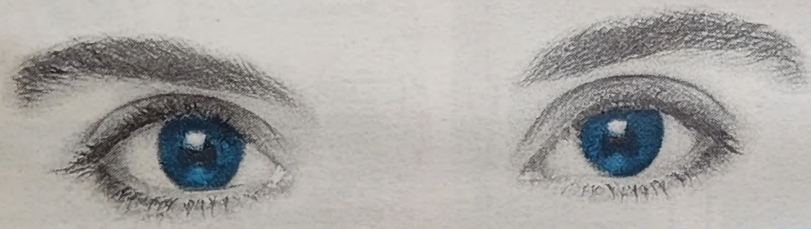
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TRADITION WITH VISION

TED HUNT, SECRETARY

Is the Grass Greener?

One of the most important elements of the LAPD culture has been the loyalty that most officers have to the Department. There is a great comradery among active duty officers and the alumni. When you're LAPD, you're not just a cop, you're an "L.A. Cop."

Much of that loyalty comes from two sources. First is the high quality of people who had a desire to become an LAPD officer, people who made tremendous personal sacrifices just to become a member of the Department. The second source is the development of that desire. It is essentially accomplished through the recruit training and field training process—the building of an organizational culture that has a unique position in the law enforcement world.

It used to be that people did not leave LAPD because it was special here. It was good. The grass was greenest at LAPD. Once you signed on, you didn't leave until 20 and if you did leave, it was an early retirement. People came to work sicker than a dog because it was an embarrassment to use a sick day.

When I had about five years on the job, I was looking around to see if I should change departments. Someone advised me to go up the Personnel Division on the 5th Floor and look at all of the letters of the people who left LAPD and then wanted to come back.

But today it is a different story. Many agencies pay better than we do, they get a compressed work schedule, paid pension, extra retirement packages, and the job is closer to where they live. Increasingly, officers of all ranks and all amounts of time on the job, complain about the harsh and abusive treatment. Is the grass greener on the other side of the fence?

I have yet to talk to a recently retired person who was not grateful he or she left LAPD. And increasingly, more and more "journeyman" officers, good solid PII-s and P-III-s, the core of the Department, are moving on. The grass really is greener in many instances.

But if you are considering a move—and I believe that many of you are, since

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Mystery Cop Photo



Clue: All of these former LAPD officers left our Department to join a Northern California police agency. Identify the city and the officers for a League logo prize. One winner only.

Answer to July's Mystery Cop Photo: Father is John B. Evans (ret.); Son is Alan C. Evans (ret.).

Winner was: There was no winner for July.

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Chief Reverses Decision of Board of Rights

Two Boards of Rights were convened for an off-duty incident that occurred involving four Los Angeles Police Officers. Three of the officers elected to go with one Board of Rights. The remaining officer chose to have his Board by himself. The charges were various, dealing with drinking in a park, to discharging a firearm, to false and misleading statements. The three officers who had their Board of Rights first, were found not guilty of all charges except for consuming alcohol in the park. All received a five-day suspension. Captain Jim Tatreau was Chair of the Board. At the other Board of Rights was the lone officer. The outcome was not as good. The second Board found the officer guilty of numerous charges, including false and misleading statements, and recommended the officer be terminated. Commander Hagerty was the Chair of the second Board of Rights. I was contacted regarding this case and had correspondence with Internal Affairs Division and the Chief's Office. My concern was that there were two separate Boards of Rights with the same facts and evidence, yet the outcome of the Boards were 180 degrees

apart. The Chief also expressed some concerns. Pursuant to Charter Section 202 the Chief of Police can only concur with the Board's recommendation or reduce the recommended penalty. He cannot change the finding of guilt. After I discussed the outcome with Internal Affairs Division through the Chief's Office, the Chief reduced the recommended penalty of termination to a 30-day suspension.

I want to thank the Chief for his actions in this case and I hope that the League and the Chief can work together in the future for the betterment of the membership, especially when cases like this surface.

New Legal Defense Insurance Policy

The Los Angeles Police Protective League, after months of negotiations, will be offering to the membership, a unique legal defense fund plan, which I believe to be one of the best plans available.

This plan will be offered to the membership in the very near future. In a nutshell, the plan, for \$12.50 per paycheck, will provide the member with an attorney for all administrative interviews, from the interview, through the Board of Rights, and in some cases,

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Given the case I quoted at the beginning of my article, and the way the Los Angeles Police Department discipline system is, I believe that the plan puts the officer on a more even playing field.

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(Editor's Note: Please see Hank Hernandez' and Gary Ingemunson's articles for further information regarding the legal defense plan.)

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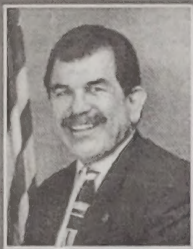
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LENNY MUÑOZ

Recently, Lieutenant Peter Whittingham of Pacific Division published an article in the monthly newsletter of the Oscar Joel Bryant Foundation. I have known Peter for a number of years and recognize him as an intelligent individual.

His essay discussed racial discrimination in the L.A.P.D. I agree with his position that a certain level of that ugly malady exists within the Department. I take umbrage with his thoughts that the Los Angeles Police Protective League is somehow responsible for this sad state of affairs.

I don't know what kind of research he conducted to reach his conclusions that the League Board of Directors somehow has contributed to, or encourages, racial discrimination in the Department. He also seems to say that the Board promoted or encouraged the recent action of a very small group of officers to bar the Chief of Police from their funerals. He claims the League never took a stand on that issue but, if he had taken some time to check, he would have found that several Directors publicly disclaimed any League support of that campaign. This is documented with the local media.

In the past, Peter has never hesitated to come to the League when he needed assistance, and the Board has been there for him. Why didn't he contact the League on these issues? I know he didn't call me. If he had, I would have told him that when the scheme's organizers informed me of the plan, I told them it was a terrible idea

that would reflect badly on the Department, themselves, and the League. I would have told Peter I asked the plotters to shelve their plan. They asked me to sign their request form and I refused, explaining that I, and the great majority of Los Angeles Police Department officers, would be honored by the presence of Chief Parks at funerals. I told them the great comfort and pride my family would have with his presence. I chose not to write about this insane idea, for fear it would give the plan dignity and credibility. I hoped it would be dashed forever, with the vast majority of officers ignoring this issue.

I think most people saw the absurdity of this idea, and it slowly faded away. But now it reappears with Peter Whittingham fanning the flames. Peter, it is you who should consider an apology. An apology is due to those L.A.P.D. officers who happen to be members of the League and those who serve on its Board of Directors. You have painted us with an extremely broad brush without basis in fact and, in the process, slandered those of us who work hard for a better Department and a better League.

Russ Ortiz, San Francisco Giants

Terri Ortiz, Police Service Representative at Northeast Division, is beaming these days. Her youngest son Russell Ortiz, 25, is a pitcher with the dreaded San Francisco Giants.

After a collegiate career with the University of Oklahoma, which included winning the 1994 College World Series and a couple of years in the minors learning his trade, the organization brought him up last year. Although used mostly as a relief pitcher in college and in the minor leagues, Manager Dusty Baker made a call that proved to be just another brainstorm in his "streak of genius" decisions.

Russ was inserted into the starting rotation and has responded with an 11-5 record (at this writing) with an earned run average (ERA) hovering around the 3.5 mark all season long. The youngster can always be counted on for six to seven innings of solid work and is one of the



Russ with proud mom, Terri.

reasons the Giants are having another great year. Too bad he is not with the Dodgers, a team he idolized while growing up in the San Fernando Valley. On second thought, the way the Dodgers are going, fate acted wisely in seeing Russ make his way to the Bay Area.

Congratulations, Russ, and keep it going. Your family, friends and the L.A.P.D. continue to root for you.

(Editorial Note: The writer has known the Ortiz family for years and can attest to the fine job Terri did as a parent. Both

Russ and his older brother Shad are fine young men of whom we can all be proud.)

Ahmanson Training Center Police Memorial

A while back, Father Mike McCullough, Department Chaplain and Sergeant Dave Dalton (now retired) took me



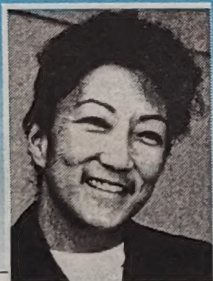
on a tour of the Ahmanson Training Center in Westchester. The Police Memorial and the Walk of Honor in front of the new Academy are an inspiring sight. If you haven't seen it, drive by and take a look. It's beautiful.

What I'll always remember is the following quote taken from scripture: "...Nor shall you stand by idly when your neighbor's life is at stake. I am the Lord." Leviticus, 19:15

It is inscribed on the sculpture and reminded me of why some men and women choose to become law enforcement officers. We are our brother's keeper. We do protect the weak. We do it with pride and we do it professionally in spite of the obstacles placed before us. As Father Mike told me, the quote sounds like something of a mandate. Stay strong as you protect those who depend on you.

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In New York City, two former police officers are convicted of felonies in the infamous plunger case. Four New York City police officers are indicted for murder in a case involving an unarmed street vendor where forty shots are fired with nineteen hits. Could it happen here? Yes, it could, and it already has on LAPD more than once. Officer Doug Iversen was prosecuted twice for murder, with both trials ending in hung juries. But, the Department fired Iversen for excessive force in the shooting death of an unarmed tow truck driver. The courts upheld the termination.

In Riverside, California, this year, four police officers were just fired for the shooting death of an armed and inebriated suspect. Both, the local district attorney and the attorney general's office declined filing any charges because there was insufficient evidence of criminal wrongdoing. But, their department fired them for improper tactics, excessive force, and many other things. It's going to take some good lawyering and luck to save these officers' careers. The lesson to keep in mind is that the line police officer becomes immediately expendable when things don't quite go right.

Risk Management and Negligent Retention are terms all officers should be

knowledgeable of and understand. The Department and City are legally required to ensure that you are properly trained to carry out all of the functions and responsibilities of law enforcement. The Department is charged with being diligent and proactive in keeping the City from being exposed to liability from action or inaction by its employees which may cause harm or deprivation to citizens. Now you know why the Department has you sign a receipt for each new special order or training bulletin that is published. The signed receipt is twofold: One, to educate you on what the official rules, procedures, and policies are; and two, to hold you accountable for adhering to these rules, procedures, and policies when something goes sideways. So, if you're at a Board of Rights for not following the rules of the Department, and the Department produces signed receipts that you were provided the documentation on how to do the job their way, you could become expendable. In civil court, the City and the Department become liable if the plaintiff's attorney can prove the Department was negligent for retaining an employee who is shown not to adhere to clearly established rules, orders, and policies.

As most of you know LAPD has fired more officers in the last two years than in any previous time frame. In virtually every Board of Rights' rationale, the concerned officer was removed from office based on the legal concept of negligent retention. In management's terms that means the City would be exposed to extreme fiscal liability if that accused employee was allowed to continue working for the City.

The appellate courts have consistently upheld the theory of negligent retention. The only issues involved in overturning terminations have been insufficiency of evidence and gross due process violations. The Department as schooled by the City Attorney's office has been very skilled in drafting rationales in termination cases.

The Department has developed TEAMS and TEAMS II, to help them identify "AT RISK" officers as part of their risk management program. An officer that management identifies as being "AT RISK" (aka: Problem Officer) can be sent to BSS, counseled, removed from field assignments, or returned to full duty. The Department will not disclose what programming criteria is used to identify which officers are "AT RISK." The mandates of Charter F and the Christopher Commission required the Department to identify and address remedial issues involving "problem officers."

Whenever an officer uses lethal force, especially when a fatality occurs, the incident is reviewed in depth by a use-of-force review board, the Chief of Police, and the Police Commission. Almost every single law enforcement-related death results in a lawsuit. Every

detail of a police fatality will be examined and second guessed. The shooting can be completely justified, but the tactics and procedures leading to the shooting can be out of policy and lead to discipline, including a Board of Rights.

What bothers me is a trend I see in California law enforcement. Police officers who use deadly force resulting in fatalities are quickly subjected to disciplinary procedures to pacify a vocal citizenry in controversial shootings. No police officer should have to become shot or stabbed before they are allowed to defend themselves. As Mike Stone once said, "Police officers aren't paid to lose." Then a jury convicted his client. Some praise went out to the Chief of Police in the Wilshire Shopping Cart Shooting for his posture in defending the incident until a complete investigation is conducted. I hope the Chief isn't going the route of the Riverside Chief of Police in seeking time to make an officer expendable for a split-second decision.

Every officer needs to understand how quickly one can become a management sacrifice when the unpopular or politically incorrect happens. Risk management and negligent retention are realities. In all of your duties, act with caution and deliberation. Go into situations thoughtfully and carefully with concerns for the safety of your partners, yourself, and the citizens you serve.

Be careful out there. Yours is a dangerous and thankless job. The League will be there for you, but you have to keep yourself out of harm's way.



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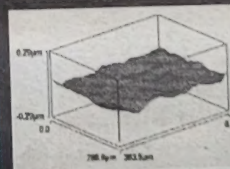
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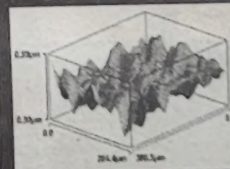
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City Hall Happiness

July 1st began the City's 1999-2000 fiscal year and new City Council committee assignments. John Ferraro remains Council President and Ruth Galanter is the new President pro tem. The pro tem position was previously held by our good friend Joel Wachs. Joel resigned from the position following the Council's opposition to Charter Reform, which passed on June 8th. Joel is a maverick councilman who has his own mind and says it as he sees it. Joel has made it known that he is a serious candidate for Los Angeles Mayor in 2001. His resignation gained him substantial media attention and has put him in a better position for the next Mayor's race. Joel will be joining a long list of politicians desiring the City's top political position.

City Attorney Jim Hahn has already announced his intention to run for Mayor. Hahn, son of legendary politician Kenny Hahn, has previously won city-wide races as Controller and City Attorney.

Steve Soboroff, Senior Advisor to Mayor Riordan, has recently announced his intentions to run for Mayor. Soboroff is a wealthy Westside businessman who played a major role in the Downtown Staples Arena deal. Soboroff has the current backing of Mayor Riordan, as well as the huge sums of money Riordan can generate from his big buck supporters. Soboroff is the President of the Parks and Recreation Commission and has been a good friend of the League. Soboroff came to the League's assistance when we challenged an anti-police mural painted at Venice Beach.

Our two new Councilmembers Alex Padilla from the San Fernando Valley's 7th District and Nick Pacheco from the Eastside's 14th District have been appointed to the following committees: Padilla is on Arts, Health & Humanities Committee, Information Technology & General Services Committee and Public Works Committee. Pacheco is on Community & Economic Development, Housing & Community Redevel-

opment, Public Safety Committee, and the Ad Hoc Committee on Secession.

The very important Public Safety Committee Chairman is Cindy Miscikowski who will be joined by Nick Pacheco and Joel Wachs.

The Budget and Finance Committee will be chaired by Mike Feuer and assisted by Rita Walters and Cindy Miscikowski.

I will be maintaining a strong presence at City Hall during the next year leading up to our next contract which is scheduled to take effect on July 1, 2000. Ted Hunt will be assisting me with this task. Our double team approach will benefit our negotiating team.

Chief Parks' Head Cheerleader Finally Leaves Commission

It was not a surprise when we heard that Commissioner Edith Perez would not remain President or a member of the Los Angeles Police Commission. Perez



photo by Dennis P. Zine
Commission President Edith Perez is no longer a Police Commissioner.

has been President of the Commission and a supporter of Chief Bernard Parks. In our view, it also appeared to us that Perez did some work behind the scenes

to get rid of both Chief Willie Williams and Inspector General Katherine Mader. Her loyalty to Chief Parks and head-in-the-sand attitude to the massive morale and unhappiness with the present management style perhaps finally caused her demise. Perez was caught by the media sending documents to prominent civic leaders about Mader. Her unprofessional conduct irritated the Mayor's office. Perez severed communications with your League several months ago and continued to ignore our issues and concerns. Her arrogant, hostile and anti-League attitude finally caught up with her. Her departure will be an improvement for the Commission. We will establish a working relationship with her replacement.

Congratulations to Director Lenny Muñoz

Adios Amigo. I wish Lenny the best in his new state position as a member of the Board of Prison Terms.

Lenny has been a dedicated League Director and always did his best for the membership. His inspiration, compassion and pleasant personality will be missed by the Directors and staff. I wish Lenny and his wife Sadie the best.

Congratulations to Summer Games Winners and Participants

Congratulations to all Summer Games participants. Many League members entered the games and won numerous medals. The hard work paid off and made the Department look good. For those who did not win a medal, you had the courage to enter and do your best. Congratulations to all. See photo spread.

New Charter Effective Date and Impact on You and the Department

The new City Charter will take effect on July 1, 2000. Many of the provisions will have no impact on you and your position as a police officer. However, very important disciplinary procedures will be changing. Section 202 will now be Section 1070. I will be visiting the divisions and discussing the provisions during roll calls. I have provided the Officer Representation Section (Defense Representatives) with the 1070 information.

Many of the Board of Rights provisions must be changed. A meet and confer will take place to address the changes. The new 1070 Charter provisions will benefit accused officers more than the current 202 provisions.

I am available to answer any of your questions on this matter.

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Detective Donald Bailey and wife Marilyn at his retirement party.

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I have enjoyed the E-mail messages from all of you who are on-line. Keep them coming. Even retirees like George Maniscalco and Brian Fain!

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GOOD NEWS FOR A CHANGE

RICK WELLS

This month's article was a pleasure to write because everything in it is of a positive nature. I hope you enjoy that aspect as much as I did, so here it goes.

Annual Picnic

It's time to buy your Raging Waters picnic tickets again. The picnic will be on September 26th this year. The tickets go on sale on August 1st. Please feel free to purchase your tickets early in August - I promise you they won't be any cheaper in September. You will find Lorri Watson, whose job is to sell and distribute over 5,000 tickets, much more fun to visit with in August.

The price of the tickets is now \$15 each, which includes parking, all day eating, kids games, and prizes. I regret that it was necessary to increase the admission cost, but we had delayed that decision for too many years. It's still a great price for what you get, and this year will be one of the best yet - I promise!

Defense Rep School

The Department held another three-day Employee Rep school in May.

Defense Representatives, Paul Weber and Don Lint did an outstanding job of helping special counsel Gary Ingemundson, provide quality training and personal insight to the 27 students who volunteered to provide assistance to Department members facing personnel complaint interviews.

If you need (or think you might need) a Rep, call the Officer Representation Section at (213) 485-9516. (Hint: it helps to call a Rep before the interview takes place.) "Trust me you're only a witness" is about as funny as trust me "this will only hurt a little" or the age-old, "trust me - I'll respect you tomorrow morning" 'nuff said.

Memorial Foundation

I recently had the great pleasure to meet and work with retired LAPD Sergeant Alan Atkins, who is now the Executive Director of the Memorial Foundation. I had become aware of an LAPD officer family who had found themselves victims of a catastrophic personal financial crisis. Through no fault of their own, life dealt them a series of unpreventable circumstances that propelled them from being a normal family with normal bills to the verge of bankruptcy. Fortunately, most of us will only have to hear or read about the type of catastrophe that these folks were in.

There is no way that normal lenders will help you borrow your way out of a catastrophic debt. I played a hunch and called Al Atkins -- what a stroke of good fortune that call was.

He listened to my pitch on behalf of our member. When I was done talking, I was shocked to hear him say, "Have them call me, we can take care of this."

They called him and within ten days they received enough money to bring all

their bills current and cover the purchase of some badly needed household items.

The people at the Memorial Foundation, especially Al Atkins, were truly heroes in that situation. Not only did they fix the devastating immediate financial needs, they allowed an LAPD officer and family an opportunity to save their credit rating, and most importantly, they eliminated an overwhelming stress factor that was destroying an otherwise happy family.

Great job guys!

Al will be writing an article about the Police Memorial Foundation soon, so we'll all know of their important contributions to our members.

Health View

I am absolutely ecstatic about what you are about to read. If you are a woman over 40, a male over 35, or have a family history of heart disease, diabetes, chest pain, smoking or obesity, please pay close attention, it may save your life to continue reading this article.

Your League and Police Relief have been working on negotiations for several months to bring to you a state-of-the-art medical testing procedure, that isn't available anywhere else. Well my long-time dream is now a reality. As part of your **Police Relief Association** benefits package, those of you with Blue Cross Prudent Buyer Health Insurance will have a \$700 High Intensity CAT Scan (computerized axial tomography) of your body, from shoulders to pelvis in less than ten minutes. You'll then consult with a radiologist who'll take you on an unbelievable virtual reality tour through your body. You'll visit your lungs, heart, arteries, liver, kidneys, pancreas, spine, hip bones, prostate (Okay, only some of you...) and other places you've never been before. You won't have to wonder what's going on inside your heart and coronary arteries, you'll see it first hand.

If you're a smoker you'll love the view from inside of both lungs!

The reality is that many of you will simply confirm that you're in great health. A few of you will discover that you have potentially serious health issues like, heart and coronary artery disease, emphysema, osteoporosis, lung and breast cancer, which if discovered soon enough will not kill or disable you.

The bodyscan provided by Health View may very well save your life or the life of one of your loved ones.

You will be receiving information from Police Relief in early August regarding the particulars of your coverage. I'll write more later. Don't delay in making an appointment. The life you save may be your own.

The phone number at Health View Medical Facility is (949) 717-4500.

I want to thank Charlie Beck, President of the Police Relief Association, for personally making this benefit to our members a reality.

Mike Kusiak

The Defense Rep Unit just lost one of its most valuable assets with the recent retirement of Mike Kusiak.

For over nine years, Mike has diligently represented officers in literally thousands of complaint interviews, Skelly responses and over 200 Boards of Rights.

Two years ago, Mike was recognized as the "Defense Rep of the Year" by the League's Board of Directors. In truth, he should be called one of the best Reps of all time. His skill, and more importantly, his honest dedication to those he represented, is the benchmark the rest of us tried to live up to.

Mike, you'll be missed greatly. Enjoy your well deserved retirement. Thanks for all you did and tried to do.

Well that's it for me. I'm going to go enjoy lunch with some real life heroes who don't yet know they have been nominated for the Medal of Valor, and the Deputy Chief who made it happen ---

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A MESSAGE FROM GENERAL COUNSEL

by Hank Hernandez, Attorney at Law

League Poised To Offer Legal Protection for Officers' Survival

Employment as a police officer for the City of Los Angeles thrusts many officers into an extremely dangerous world of endless complaints and investigations on a daily basis. Supervisors are swamped with having to conduct investigations of officers assigned to their command instead of providing much needed first line guidance, supervision and training to them. Frequently officers find themselves under investigations for frivolous allegations of criminal offenses. Investigations to determine potential civil liability for the City have also become more commonplace. More and more officers are also subject to disciplinary investigations in order to determine whether any of the Department's written or unwritten rules of conduct have been breached.

We truly recognize that the public's interest and that of all officers is well served by a disciplinary system that allows a proper and fair investigation into legitimate complaints against officers. Unfortunately, such is not the case in Los Angeles. Officers are frequently confronted with investigative processes that are multiple, overlapping and anything but fair or proper.

In Los Angeles, an officer oftentimes only has a split second to make a critical decision during the course and scope of his employment. However, after those split-second decisions, the never ending scrutiny of the "disciplinary system" created by the Christopher Commission commences a process of Monday morning quarterbacking that often continues for many years with complaints, investigations, interviews, interrogations, testing, searches, administrative charges, civil suits, use of force boards, disciplinary action, downgrades in pay grades without due process, trial boards, grand jury probes, state criminal charges, and federal criminal charges.

In shootings and other critical incidents, officers are perhaps the only persons in Los Angeles that can be subjected to multiple criminal prosecutions by both state and federal authorities. As we all well know, even if an officer is acquitted by a state court, the officer can generally be tried again in federal court. Just last month the United States Department of Justice announced that in Los Angeles it has organized a special unit to prosecute officers, and do so even after acquittal by a state court or a decision by a state prosecutor to decline to prosecute.

Now, when was the last time that we ever heard community activists and politicians demand the United States Department of Justice to initiate a federal prosecution of a civilian criminal defendant who has been acquitted in a state court? Perhaps never before.

During the past few years the League has attempted at great expense, to make aggressive and competent legal representation available in order to properly protect its members and families from this nightmarish disciplinary system. However, with nearly 10,000 sworn members subject to a system that is out of control, the task is extremely draining on the budget, making it difficult and almost impossible to adequately protect all officers. As a result, officers in need of representation have had to frequently rely on overburdened employee and defense representatives who barely receive adequate logistical support from management. On many occasions also, accused officers have had to use their hard-earned financial resources to privately retain attorneys to handle their disciplinary cases pending before Boards of Rights. Well, enough is enough!

In our continuous efforts to provide officers with additional benefits, the League's Board of Directors has unanimously agreed to offer all of its members an optional fringe benefit through P.O.L.I.C.E. Insurance Services, LLC, which will provide aggressive legal representation by existing League panel attorneys during all phases of the disciplinary process. This legal defense plan has the financial backing from an A-rated insurance company. As an insured member of the P.O.L.I.C.E. insurance plan, League members will

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CIVIL: A League panel attorney will represent members in civil actions and proceedings arising out of activities in the course and scope of employment as a peace officer where the City fails to defend such members.

CRIMINAL: A League panel attorney will represent members in state or federal criminal actions or proceedings arising out of activities in the course and scope of employment as a peace officer.

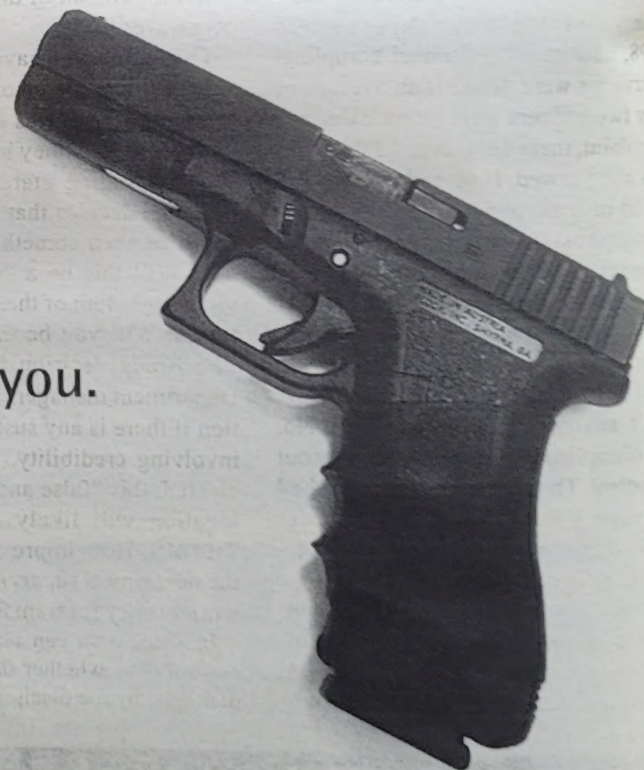
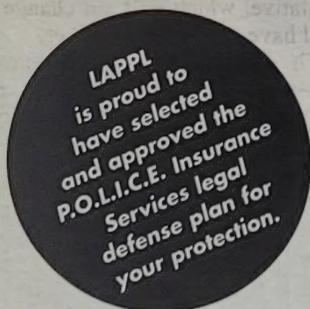
As you can see, no one has a better legal defense plan than P.O.L.I.C.E. Once again, this will be an optional program that will be available in a few weeks through the League's payroll deduction system until such time as the League is in a better financial position to provide full coverage for all of its members without additional cost. It is anticipated that two coverage plans will be available to any member interested for \$12.50 and \$16.50 a payday respectively. If you are interested, you will be soon receiving additional information from the League in the mail.

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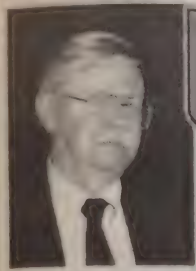
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WARNING BELLS

by Gary Ingemunson, Attorney at Law

"Never send to know for whom the bell tolls; it tolls for thee"

-John Donne

Even Vegas Has Better Odds Than This

It seems like a never ending parade. A dismal parade because no one is happy. I meet with officer after officer and none of them come to see me because things are going well in their lives. All of them are having some kind of problem with the Department, usually disciplinary. According to my computer, I have formally met with, or represented in administrative interviews, 746 L.A.P.D. officers in a little more than three-and-a-half years. That means that almost 8% of the entire Department has been assigned to me at one time or another by the League for help with legal problems. When you consider that I am only one of over thirty League panel attorneys, the scope of the problem is apparent.

There were a total of 1,511 personnel complaints made against officers in 1997. There were 5,336 personnel complaints made against officers in 1998. That is a 253% increase in personnel complaints in one year. More significantly, if only one officer was complained about in each complaint (which probably isn't even close), almost 56% of the entire complement of officers on the Department received a complaint.

In 1997, the number of officers who had Boards of Rights completed was 133. In 1998, there were 231 officers who completed their Boards of Rights. A 63% jump.

If there were 5,336 personnel complaints accepted by the Department in 1998, how many personnel complaint interviews were done? If an average of only two officers were interviewed per complaint, there were over 10,000 officers interviewed. If spread evenly, that would be everyone on the Department sitting across the table from a personnel complaint investigator. It is not spread evenly, however. Patrol officers get far more attention than any other group.

So what's wrong with this picture. Is almost everyone on L.A.P.D. evil? Can't anyone out there behave? No. The disciplinary system is seriously out of control. The new 1.28 system trashed everyone. It has classified every officer on the Department into one of two categories, either an accused officer or a soon-to-be-accused officer. The witness officer of today is the accused officer of tomorrow. With odds of 56%, how long can any officer on the Department

count on keeping his or her TEAMS clean?

Hiding out in inside jobs or never exiting your patrol vehicle might make the odds a little more favorable, but not all that much. An anonymous letter can plunge your whole unit into personnel complaint investigations if you work inside. One complaint regarding sexual harassment or hostile work environment also means interviews for everyone in the unit. For you patrol officers, responding to a help call may mean subsequent interviews anytime the arrestee alleges excessive force. Any fight with your spouse or significant other, whether verbal or physical (or imaginary), may bring an officer into contact with Internal Affairs. Attending any Department function may result in being pulled in as a witness for one kind of misconduct or another. Any lawsuit filed against an officer and the City will usually generate a personnel complaint. The various reasons for winding up looking across that personnel complaint interview table and talking into that tape recorder are endless.

For those unlucky enough to be the accused rather than the witness, more problems appear. There are no transfers while the complaint is being investigated, which all too often can be almost a year. You are restricted from promotions for the same period of time. Even if ultimately cleared of all of the allegations, there is usually an entry on your TEAMS with all of the fallout that can occur over that.

The witnesses have problems too. What if there are inconsistent perspectives as to what was said or what had happened? Will they be viewed as false and misleading statements? What if someone decides that you should have heard or seen something that you did not? Will this be a "code of silence" violation? Both of these are current hot topics. Will you be the next accused? The Brady decision interpretation by Department managers dictates termination if there is any sustained complaint involving credibility. Even if you are cleared, this "false and misleading" allegation will likely appear on your TEAMS. How impressive will that be the next time a supervisor reviews your work history for transfer or promotion?

In short, you can no longer exercise control over whether or not you will be damaged by the disciplinary system.

Crashing your Car and Crashing your Career

It used to be that if you knew the Department rules and regulations and followed those rules, you could probably count on the fact that you were not going to get in trouble. Your reputation and your supervisors' ability to exercise discretion without damaging their own careers would protect you from the flakes and frauds in the complaint system. This is largely gone. Everything goes to paper. Once gone to paper, everything is investigated to the nth degree. Once investigated, it attaches itself to your personnel record in various ways with various results. Couple this with the increasing proclivity of every citizen contact to end up in a lawsuit and the danger of politics advocating "more police officers in jail" entering into the filing policies of local and federal prosecutors and you have a career path that has all the hazards of driving down the freeway in your personal vehicle.

Even if you follow all of the traffic laws while driving your car, it is likely that you will eventually be involved in a traffic accident. Whether someone crashes into you, or you crash into them, there will be legal problems. That is why you pay for car insurance (whether you are a good driver, or not). You know that the crash will result in the need for legal representation (whether you are at fault, or not). This fact of modern life is now a fact on L.A.P.D. You will eventually need legal representation, whether you are at fault, or not.

The League is a bargaining unit for its membership. It is not really in the business of providing attorney representation in disciplinary matters, although this is an important concern. The League does have a mechanism for deciding how to spend its legal representation dollar. This mechanism is called the Legal Committee. An officer who feels the need for representation appears before this committee which is made up of League delegates. The delegates vote to recommend or deny paid attorney representation. Their recommendation is sent to the Board of Directors who have the final power to spend League funds. Obviously, the League cannot provide attorneys for 10,000 interviews a year without some serious rise in each member's dues. Therefore, the Legal Committee balances the overall good of the membership with the personal legal problems of the officers appearing before them. It is a difficult job and the recommendation for attorney representation at the personnel complaint interview stage is rare. More likely, but still rare is the authorization of attorney representation for a Board of Rights. The money just isn't there.

Disillusionment and disgust with the disciplinary system has become a major concern of League members. The stakes are higher than ever and an increasing number of officers desire attorney representation from the start of the interviews and on, if necessary. The

sheer number of personnel complaints out there made an adequate response for attorney representation impossible for the League. To try and meet this problem, the League has agreed to participate in a legal representation insurance program with a highly rated insurance company and make legal insurance coverage available to interested members.

What it Costs and What it Covers

The cost is \$12.50 per payday. For this, you get an attorney to represent you for any personnel complaint interview, whether you are a witness or an accused. If the Department finds you guilty of an allegation, you get an attorney to help you prepare your Skelly response. This is whether the allegations occurred on duty or off. If you have a choice of whether to take a Board of Rights or take penalty days, the insurance company will reimburse you for up to eleven penalty days a year if you opt not to take a Board of Rights. In the alternative, if you wish to challenge the penalty, they will supply an attorney for the Board, but, if unsuccessful, will not reimburse you for any penalty. If you are ordered to a Board of Rights, you get an attorney. With approval from the Board of Directors, the insurance will also pay for a writ to the Superior Court if your Board of Rights committed any legal error.

In addition, the insurance will provide you with an attorney to defend you on any civil suit that arises out of the course and scope of your employment where the City refuses to defend you. They will also supply an attorney for any criminal charges that are filed against you that arise out of the course and scope of your employment.

The attorneys hired by the insurance company will be from the panel of attorneys maintained and approved by the League. They will be the familiar faces we all know and love who have grappled with the peculiar legal problems of L.A.P.D. before.

Is this a good deal? Well, if you are interviewed even once during the year, the yearly premium would be less than the likely fee an attorney would charge you to do the representation. If you take two penalty days off during the year, the premium will be more than covered. If you need an attorney for a Board of Rights, the insurance company will probably never catch up in premiums for what the representation will cost. You can even double the coverage for a slightly higher premium.

This is all in addition to your right to a employee/Skelly/defense representative, which will not change. You will have two representatives.

The disciplinary system as presently constituted should be battering out the sound of warning bells for everyone. Get legal insurance before the disciplinary system crashes into you.

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SLO's: Keys to Community Policing

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watch meeting. They want to be putting bad guys in jail. And I don't blame them. The SLO's are unique. They had the time and the patience to deal with the little itty-bitty problems that if left unresolved lead to bigger and bigger problems. That's why SLO's are so important. Patrol officers keep bad guys off the street and the SLO's keep them from coming back."

Munz believes that, "Because no specific person is responsible for community policing the entire program is failing and crime is coming back to our neighborhoods. A problem with an abandoned vehicle that would take a SLO five minutes to resolve, took me at least one month, five work orders to DOT and an argument in the street with a parking enforcement officer."

Miller summed it up by explaining that, "Parks has taken the community out of community policing."

Another person who spoke on agreement of anonymity noted that, "What I see is that the number of volunteers is going down. Those volunteers who are active in neighborhood watch were re-

trying to create is a deep sense of police-community partnership."

The newest member of the Council and the Public Safety Committee is Alex Padilla who said that he has been involved in community watch and community policing for 15 years. "We need to review the job description of the

son Parks wants to eliminate the SLO's is that he can't control them and his



Taxpayers turn out to show support for SLO's.

cruited by the SLO's. The absence of the volunteers puts more of a hardship on regular patrol officers who are forced to deal with too many mundane issues. The SLO was the glue that held it together."

The public hearing was called by Council Member Laura Chick, who was Chair of the Public Safety Committee at the time of the hearings. Chick told the audience, "I've been to several C-PAB meetings lately and they were one-way communications and focused on reports from LAPD to the people," and not a two-way conversation. Council Member Mike Feuer commented that, "The whole point of what we were

SLO: What were they? What are they now? And what should they be?"

One City Hall insider stated that the statistics used by Department to prove that this controversial program [to eliminate SLO's] is working, were taken from LAPD efforts in 1996-97 when "SLO's were at the top game." He continued on to say that "the only rea-



Brendan Breslin, Van Nuys realtor, former C-PAB member.

personal emissaries [commanding officers] can't dominate the public if the SLO's are around."

The Public Safety Committee directed the Department to create a strategic plan on how to improve police community relations. A City Hall insider who spoke on condition of anonymity said, "Parks tried to fix something that wasn't broken. Now it's really broken."

AB 83 Driver's License Bill

A State proposal that would have permitted illegal aliens to obtain a legitimate California driver's license failed in the State Transportation Committee. The bill is being revised to assure that only legal California residents receive a California driver's license. Your League is working with State Legislators on the matter.

Hunt

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I get asked this question at least twice a day—before you jump over the fence, you have to do some serious thinking.

Each of you have been trained to investigate and ask questions. So ask probing questions of the new department you are considering. You have also been trained to keep notes. Record your notes so you can use them in the future to compare.

A good way to compare and contrast is through the use of a simple comparison chart. You may want to have two charts, one to compare and contrast quantitative data and another to compare and contrast qualitative data.

Quantitative data is the kind of information you can quantify or turn into numbers such as salary, cost of retirement, when you can retire, how much you will get at retirement, cost of medi-

cal, cost of dental, cost of commute in dollars, cost of commute in lost time that could be spent at part time job, etc.

Qualitative is data that has to do with the quality of something such as beliefs, feelings, standards and values. For example, if I had a 3/12 plan I could go to my daughter's Little League game or perhaps continue my education. Qualitative data can not be quantified—turned into numbers.

Draw a line down the middle of a piece of paper. On one side you put "pro" and the other side "con." Then simply write down the reasons why you should stay at LAPD and on the other, why you should leave. Don't be surprised if that "fuzzy" area of feelings, also called qualitative data weighs more significantly than the numbers.

More and more good officers are saying, "It ain't the same as it used to be. It just isn't worth it anymore. The grass is greener on the other side of the fence."

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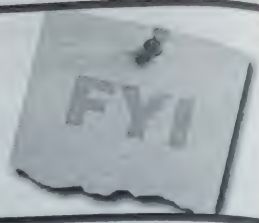
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FOR YOUR INFORMATION



For Your Information is a regular feature of *The Thin Blue Line*. We encourage you to submit articles for publication. Deadline for submission is the 6th of the month for the following month's issue date.

Second Annual Parker Foundation Heroes and Heroines Awards Luncheon

Approximately 300 people attended the Parker Foundation Heroes and Heroines Awards which were held in June at the Universal City Hilton Hotel. Jon Greene and Steve Williams of Continuing Education Division are to be congratulated for doing an outstanding job of putting the program together.

The event was emceed by comedian Norm Crosby and Dave Gascon, Chief of Staff. Among the many speakers were Jim Hahn, City Attorney; Richard Alarcon, State Senator; Tom LaBonge, Office of the Mayor; and Bernard Parks, Chief of Police.

Assembly Member Carl Washington brought greetings from his colleagues in the California Assembly. His humorous speech was focused on his personal gratitude for the patrol officers and de-

tectives who risk it all every day to keep him and his family safe. He summed it up well with, "Thanks for a job well done."



Ted Hunt and Assembly Member Carl Washington at the Parker Memorial Foundation lunch.

Receiving awards were entertainers Robert Stack, whose family has lived in Los Angeles for four generations; Connie Stevens, who is as beautiful as ever; and of course Norm Crosby who kept everyone in stitches. All of them clearly expressed their sincere thanks to LAPD officers for, as Robert Stack

put it, "lifting above the norm to protect and serve."

The purpose was to raise funds for an inservice tactical school. This is to enhance officer survivability when faced with a major tactical situation, such as the North Hollywood Bank of America shootout.

League's Candidates Continue Successes

by Joseph Gryder

Newly-commissioned Ensign, Joseph E. Gryder, of the United States Navy (pictured) graduated from the United States Naval Academy in Annapolis, Maryland, on May 26, 1999. Ensign Gryder completed a four-year degree in Economics while at the Academy and was 2nd Regimental Executive Officer and Commodore of the Fleet (Commander of the Power Boat Squadron). During his senior year he earned a letter of commendation from the Academy Commandant and the Admiral Gatch Prize for maritime planning and tactics.

Ensign Gryder will continue a temporary assignment at the Academy through the summer of 1999, working with the Small Boat (110 ft. long) Training Operations for other midshipmen, and then report to flight school in September, at Vance Air Force Base in Enid, Oklahoma.

Ensign Gryder is the son of P.O. III Joseph Gryder, of South Traffic Division, and his wife, Bitsy. Ensign Gryder credits his success at the Academy to the traits he learned while associating

Second Class Midshipman Angela Sorzano, the daughter of Det. Rosa Moreno of Newton Division, starts her junior year at the Academy where she competes in rugby and is majoring in oceanography. Second Class Sorzano is spending the summer on a cruise to Asia with Amphibious Craft. Det. Jim Day of West Bureau Narcotics and his wife Celeste have two sons at the Academy. Second Class Midshipman Lance Day starts his junior year majoring in history. Third Class Midshipman



Ensign Joseph Gryder with proud father Officer Joseph Gryder, STD.



Proud parents, Bitsy (just out of the photo) and Joseph Gryder pin insignia on their son's uniform at graduation ceremonies.

with the men and women of the Los Angeles Police Department, and the Los Angeles Police Protective League's recommendation that assisted him in gaining entry to the Academy.

Successful Training

Other midshipmen who are the sons and daughters of Los Angeles Police Officers continue their successful training at the Academy.

Trevor Day continues his sophomore year majoring in pre-med.

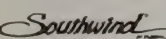
Third Class Mike Bigrigg starts his sophomore year majoring in economics and is wrestling at the varsity level, earning a 19-7 record last year. Mike is the son of Motor Officer Jack Bigrigg of West Traffic Division and his wife, Deborah.

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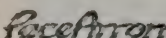
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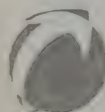


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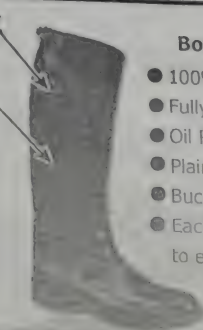
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Los Angeles Police Protective League



1999 League Scholarship Committee, with Director/Chair Gary Fullerton (4th from left) and Director Ted Hunt (right).

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Mark Kroeker (LAPD-Ret.), guest presenter, speaks to the award winners at the June Delegate's meeting.



Thomas Zamora - \$3,000 Award Winner with his family.



Megan Coates - \$1,500 Award Winner and her family.



Kelley Giberson - \$1,500 Award Winner with her family.



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Police Officer Gary Miller, Central Traffic

Wendi Sweet - \$750
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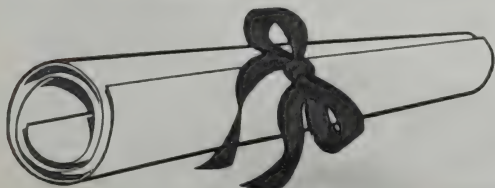
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1999 Scholarship Awards Program



Thomas Zamora (First Prize Winner) with Director Gary Fullerton, Scholarship Chair and guest presenter Mark Kroeker.

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The winners and their families.

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OR

- 2) A truck overturns on the freeway and the engine catches on fire, engulfing the cab, where the driver is trapped. A highway patrol officer arrives on the scene and realizes that neither he nor anyone else can get near enough to the cab to get the driver out. The driver sees the patrolman and begs the officer to kill him with his gun so that he won't have to suffer the horror of burning to death. The patrolman is close enough to kill him instantly. What should he do?

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Los Angeles Police Memorial Foundation Fundraiser



On June 17, Larry and Ralph Cimmarusti, owners of several Burger King and Tony Roma Restaurants, held a fund-raiser for the Los Angeles Police Memorial Foundation. The Cimmarusti's opened two new restaurants, 3rd Street and Broadway and Ventura Blvd. and Canoga. Proceeds from the grand

openings were donated to the Los Angeles Police Memorial Foundation.

Pictured is Alan Atkins, Executive Director, Los Angeles Police Memorial Foundation, placing an order at the 3rd and Broadway Burger King.

MOU 2000: The Negotiation Process

by Robert "Bobby" Smith

With fiscal year 2000-2001 contract talks looming on the horizon, understanding the negotiation process is crucial for success.

In the negotiation process, proposals are put forward ostensibly for the purpose of resolving specific differences among parties (in this case the LAPPL, City and Department) who have both conflicting and common interests.

The negotiation process is adversarial. Therefore, it becomes possible only when common needs motivate the parties to settle differences. Take for example plea bargaining (which believe it or not is a negotiation process); it deprives victims of maximum revenge, district attorneys of maximum political gain and the accused of any chance of acquittal. But it meets the common needs of all parties by saving the cost of a trial, ensuring conviction and removing the risk of a long sentence.

Two very distinct negotiating strategies are said to exist. Win-win (everybody wins) and win-lose (somebody wins and somebody loses). Labor contracts (MOU) like most negotiations are win-lose. Consequently, the tactics used by negotiators to pursue goals often determine the success of the negotiations.

The negotiation process can be divided into Preparation, Exploration, Bargaining and Closing phases.

The Preparation Phase involves identifying issues, defining needs and learning as much as possible about the opposing parties. It includes formation of a negotiating team.

The Exploration Phase involves explaining your needs to the opposing parties, learning theirs and establishing the bargaining climate.

The Bargaining Phase consists primarily of offering and discussing specific proposals.

The Closing Phase occurs when proposals meet the needs of each party.

Actual negotiations may move back and forth among the phases. Negotiators may meet privately (caucus) to revise goals, resume bargaining after interruptions, go through the four phases issue-by-issue or go through each issue phase-by-phase, or a mix of both approaches. The more parties involved the less predictable the negotiations.

Football provides a useful analogy of the negotiation process. The goal is to outscore the other team. The tactics by which this goal is pursued includes a dazzling variety of plays such as bargaining climate, back channels (off-the-record discussions), deadlines, delays, good and bad faith, haggling, and best and final offer. Most important, both take time and move through phases.

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True Leadership: A Dying Art Within The LAPD?

by Sgt. Shannon Paulson
Former OIC of the
Van Nuys Bicycle Detail

It's no secret around Van Nuys Division that I was recently "excused" from my position as supervisor of the division's Bicycle Unit. This was in no way due to a lack of performance by those officers working for me, who have in past months displayed a work ethic and productivity level far above average. It was due to my alleged lack of enthusiasm for the division's current "management philosophy." In other words, I was too nice to, and got along too well with, the officers under my command. While it is probably inappropriate for me to further discuss the allegations surrounding my removal, I would like to take a few moments to tell you about my unit.

My aberrant style of leadership, along with the hard work and dedication of my unit's officers, had in past months resulted in the Van Nuys Bicycle Detail being recognized as one of the finest in the City. This is supported by commendations from Department officials and the community, FASTRAC response statistics, overall recap, and the positive feedback from patrol supervisors, watch commanders, detectives, Crime Analysis Detail personnel, and members of the previous divisional management staff. In addition, there was an almost 50% increase in what had already been considered outstanding unit FASTRAC productivity following my arrival. No argument could be made to counter one resounding fact: I got my officers to work.

Why, one might ask, did the unit show these accomplishments? Simple. . . I requested it of them. I required their dedication and an extremely strong work ethic. But here is the unique concept that often seems beyond the grasp of some members of the management: I made the same commitment to my officers. This is not to say that I did not maintain discipline. I clearly demanded a work ethic based on integrity and professionalism. In return, I upheld my

commitment to justice and fairness. I worked just as hard for them as I asked them to work for me. I ensured that they received the recognition that they deserved, and I vowed that as long as they were on the side of professionalism, morality, and ethics, I would never abandon them for reasons of personal gain or political expediency.

My reassignment has caused me to ponder the art of leadership, and the associated concepts of fairness and justice, and their current existence, if any, within the Los Angeles Police Department.

Police officers are the most visible symbol of the United States justice system. We are the foundation of a lawful society and the daily protectors of American freedoms. Occasionally some members of management need to be reminded that the ability to speak freely without fear of retribution or retaliation is one of those basic freedoms. I find it highly ironic that we employ many who are supposed to lead us in the protection of society's rights when they are blatantly incapable or unwilling to protect or respect those same rights within our own ranks.

In addition, I find it ironic that the same members of management who hang the Core Values on their office walls, and ensure that the Department's 1999 Initiatives are distributed to all personnel, are so quick to set these dictates aside when they do not serve their personal purposes. The values of integrity, commitment to leadership, and respect for all people, along with the added initiatives involving development of employees within a respectful environment, and improving internal communication, have been all but forgotten at some divisions.

At one time, under the command of Captain (now Commander) Valentino Panaccia, Van Nuys Division, had been one of the finest patrol divisions to work. An environment of respect among the ranks led to a high level of enthusiasm and morale, which in turn created a strong, healthy work ethic and heightened productivity. It never

ceases to amaze me how quickly such a positive atmosphere can be lost if it is not carefully nurtured and supported by personnel in positions of power.

This is in no way an argument against discipline, or the authority of the command structure. Los Angeles police officers are not adverse to accountability and discipline. They are recognized requirements to maintain the honor and integrity of the position of public trust that we hold. However, any system of accountability or discipline must be guided first and foremost by the interests of justice and fairness. As police officers, that interest in justice and fairness must be accepted as a responsibility to the community. But as one promotes in rank, he accepts even more responsibility in that arena as he is now accountable for the protection of the rights and fair treatment of not only the community, but also the members of each successive rank below him.

True leaders inspire enthusiasm in those within their command. They do not drive those under them, they encourage them to greater effort. Leaders realize that respect is not just a patronizing concept, but an earned ideal that travels both up and down the chain of command, and that actions speak louder than words. Leaders are not afraid of alternative ideas and suggestions, nor do they take them as a challenge to authority. Naturally, those within the command must recognize that there are situations in which the commanding officer's decision must be immediate and unmitigated, and that in all situations the decision is the ultimate responsibility of the commanding

officer. Orders must then be respected and carried out. Leaders, however, accept the fact that to fully utilize the resources at their disposal, as well as develop their people to their fullest potential, then there must be a forum for open discussion and consideration of all input. A leader recognizes that he or she is neither all seeing nor all knowing, and that each contributor brings to the table ideas gathered from different experiences and points of view.

The fact that America's most prominent protectors of the innocent often find themselves victims of injustice at the hands of their own rulers is a sad but true state of affairs. Those who rule through fear, intimidation, manipulation and vindictiveness reveal volumes about their own leadership ability, or lack thereof. However, in answer to the question posed at the header of this article: No, true leadership, justice and fairness are not dead within the Los Angeles Police Department. But, like many other intangible ideals, they must be constantly protected and upheld by those who have the courage to do so, without regard for the tides of political correctness.

For those within the Department who have lost sight of the true nature of leadership, let me take this opportunity to remind you of a few things: The art of leadership is not automatically bestowed upon those with rank, it is simply the skill with which one may utilize that authority. Similarly, respect and loyalty is not granted automatically to those in positions of power. It is the obligation of the true leader to earn it.

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American Legion News

Commander Martin Chalupa, 381

Meeting: 3rd Tuesday,
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Panorama City, CA 91402
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Adjutant Frank Ortiz
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July Meeting

On June 17, 1999, the Los Angeles Police Post #381 had their annual steak fry at the police academy. **Ross Baker**, of "Ross Baker Tow" was presented a plaque in appreciation for all their help with the LAPD motorcycle drill team. Our thanks to **Mike Shanks** and **George Hofstetter** for cooking up over 100 steaks. The steak fry has become a tradition, and many "old timers" (retirees) attended. Also, members of Star Post (LASD) joined us. A good time was had by all. If you can only make it to one meeting a year, make it this one, next year (July, 2000).

State Convention

This year the American Legion State Convention was held in San Diego from June 17 through June 20. It was held in the convention pavilion, at the Town and Country. Governor **Gray Davis** (also a Legionnaire) honored us with a visit. As usual, Post #381 hosted a hospitality suite. Several members from the Southern California area came down to partake in the festivities. On Saturday (June 26) **Michael Gombar**, "National Executive Committeeman," presided at the installation. The new officers for 1999/2000 are as follows:

Marty Chalupa - Commander; **Gail Tam** - Jr. Past Commander; **George**

Aguilar - 1st Vice Commander; **Bill Zimmerman** - 2nd Vice Commander; **Mark Gerin** - 3rd Vice Commander; **Bob Reeves** - Sergeant at Arms/Service Officer; **Frank Ortiz** - Adjutant/Historian; **Hal Yarnell** - Finance Officer/Judge Advocate; **J. J. Leonard** - Chaplain; **Woody Baca** - Executive Committee; **Charlie Meter** - Executive Committee; **Michael Regan** - Executive Committee.

Welcome Recruit Class #6-99

On June 7, 1999, Marty Chalupa and J. J. Leonard welcomed the new police recruit class. There were six with military service. They all joined Police Post #381. Congratulations and welcome to the new members:

Tricia Criswell (USAF); **Marc Gonzalez** (Army); **Carlos Martin** (National Guard); **Edward Ormes** (Army); **Rene Santos** (Marines); **Bryce Verna** (USAF).

Upcoming Meeting

The next monthly meeting will be on July 20, 1999 at 6:30 p.m., at the Panorama City Post.

VA Education Benefits Hotline

The Veterans Administration now has a toll-free number providing veterans with the latest information on Education Benefits. The number is 888-GI BILL (888-442-4551). The hotline also has information on the Montgomery GI Bill (covers LAPD recruit training). For the high-tech, try www.va.gov/education. For information on any other VA program, 800-827-1000.

National Convention

When it rains, it pours. How about two conventions this year. The 81st American Legion National Convention will be held at the Convention Center in Anaheim, California. Dates: September 3/9th. Information: www.legion.org.

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Dear Editor:

My name is Daniel Hoff, and I am helping Mimi Webb Miller cast a new television series based on "The Mod Squad." It is a combination of "America's Most Wanted" meets "Cops." They are looking for real cops, investigators, Navy Seals, or military police in their twenties, men or women all ethnicities. This is a real people casting;

therefore, acting skills is not number one. I would appreciate any help your office can offer. This would be an amazing experience for your young men and women, and extremely lucrative. Please call Daniel Hoff at 323-962-6643.

Thank you!

Sincerely,
Daniel Hoff

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NAME: John L. Allen #2628
RANK: Sergeant I
ASSIGNED TO: Detective Bureau
BORN: February 27, 1913
APPT: January 5, 1942
RETIRED: June 1, 1972
DIED: November 10, 1998

★ ★ ★

NAME: Walter R. Koenig #1165
RANK: Captain
ASSIGNED TO: Hollenbeck
BORN: April 6, 1909
APPT: August 1, 1938
RETIRED: July, 1964
DIED: April 24, 1999

★ ★ ★

NAME: Theodore R. Norris #5868
RANK: Investigator II
ASSIGNED TO: Rampart
BORN: March 15, 1924
APPT: September 16, 1948
RETIRED: June 22, 1978
DIED: May 2, 1999

★ ★ ★

NAME: Russell E. Deatherage #5868
RANK: Policeman
ASSIGNED TO: Van Nuys
BORN: July 29, 1922
APPT: October 16, 1946
RETIRED: October 23, 1966
DIED: May 14, 1999

★ ★ ★

NAME: Henry D. Cory #6211
RANK: Policeman
ASSIGNED TO: Communications
BORN: December 5, 1922
APPT: April 1, 1949
RETIRED: March 5, 1969
DIED: May 28, 1999

★ ★ ★

NAME: Robert J. MacGregor #5258
RANK: Policeman
ASSIGNED TO: Foothill
BORN: September 29, 1922
APPT: January 5, 1948
RETIRED: July 12, 1948
DIED: May 31, 1999

★ ★ ★

NAME: Raymond E. Miller
(No Serial # Found)
RANK: Lieutenant
ASSIGNED TO: Rampart
BORN: March 6, 1923
APPT: June 1, 1947
RETIRED: June 29, 1980
DIED: June 5, 1999

★ ★ ★

NAME: Daniel M. Samaniego #10991
RANK: Police Officer II
ASSIGNED TO: Communications
BORN: October 7, 1933
APPT: October 23, 1961
RETIRED: March 3, 1982
DIED: June 8, 1999

★ ★ ★

NAME: Leonard F. Reafleng #5666
RANK: Policeman
ASSIGNED TO: Valley
BORN: April 25, 1925
APPT: May 27, 1948
RETIRED: May 31, 1962
DIED: June 30, 1999

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NAME: Robert T. Holroyd #4313
RANK: Police Officer II
ASSIGNED TO: Foothill
BORN: October 20, 1916
APPT: March 16, 1947
RETIRED: July 27, 1971
DIED: July 4, 1999

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NAME: Robert C. Flanagan #7688
RANK: Investigator III
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APPT: October 22, 1956
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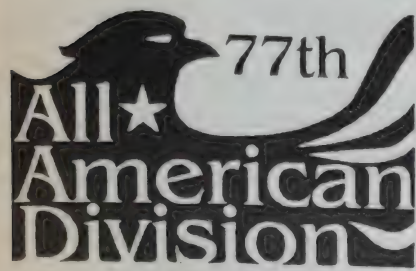
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NAME: Charles M. Burgin, Jr. #5055
RANK: Policeman
ASSIGNED TO: Harbor
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APPT: October 16, 1947
RETIRED: October 8, 1960
DIED: June 14, 1999

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DIVISIONAL REPORTER

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by Maria C. Marquez
77th Street

God Bless You, Lenny...

I would like to start this article by congratulating **Lenny Muñoz** on his upcoming retirement. Lenny has been a very good friend to the officers at 77th Street Division. One would think that he worked at this division because of all the time he has given to us. Whenever we needed something we could always count on Lenny to pull through for us. Lenny, you will always be a part of this divisional family, and we wish you the best!

Our Halls Have Spies...

I was exiting the station the other day and what did my eyes see... Capt. **Kenny Garner** from Foothill Division coming in the back door to the division. Of course, we were most gracious with his visit, as we are with any visiting captain from an outside division. He informed me he was just stopping by as the acting "ODO," and I would really like to buy that story, Captain, but, sir, I also know how bad you want that weightlifting trophy. I was going to give him a "Power Pig" t-shirt to cherish, but then I thought I would leave that honor to lieutenant **Paul von Lutzow**.

Athlete of the Month

This month this honor is a tie between Officer **Charles Howard** and Det. **Lisa Wernli**. Both of these athletes were instrumental in leading the 77th Area Bench Press Team to their "7th straight victory." Charles Howard is one of the senior members of the 77th Bench Press Team who is also known as its "iron man." A former record holder, the team can always count on Charles to score points and provide inspiration to those around him.

Det. **Lisa Wernli** is a legitimate world class athlete who takes her training seri-

ously. Assigned to 77th Detectives, she begins her workout program at 4 o'clock



Looks like Sergeant Billy Driver just found out that if you do not catch any fish, you do not eat! Sorry Boss, dem's da rules!

in the morning and then begins her work day. Lisa broke the existing record by hefting a tremendous weight of 185 pounds and she brought home the gold. Congratulations to Howard and Lisa!

Just Another Sport

In addition to all of the other sports that this division has involved itself in, we have added another—fishing. But this one is just among us. The men versus the women. In true male dominant fashion, the men of this division see themselves as the only "true fishermen." Hello guys... the women of this division have issued the challenge. Fishing tournaments have been done and it gives me great pride in announcing that the women in these tournaments are ahead 2 to 1 in catching the most fish. This has become a very serious challenge for some. After all, the term still remains "fishermen," but I got to tell



Officer Frank Montelongo, Officer Ben Gutierrez and Officer Ed Sun showing off their "one" catch on their recent trip to Mexico.

you, unless we see some serious improvement on the part of some of the fishermen in this division, this title could change like many others have in the past. Of course, you could be Officer **Frank Montelongo** and **Ben Gutierrez** and go to Mexico. Yes, indeed gentlemen, that is one big tuna, but is still only "one."

The General Douglas MacArthur Leadership Award

Congratulations to Officer **Erik Cortes** on receiving this award for his accomplishments as the commander of the 316th military police detachment (C.I.D.). Officer Cortes received this award from General Sinseki, the Chief of Staff of the Army. This is an Army-wide award given to only 23 officers each year from throughout the entire Army. It should also be noted that Erik was promoted to Captain while in D.C. accepting this award. Congratulations!

Commitment to Leadership

Officer **James Lumpkin** and Officer **Gary Verge** were recently commended for their participation in the "Los Angeles Unified School District/Shell Youth Training Academy." These two officers spent a majority of their day meeting with the youth in the high schools and discussed ethics, leadership, and police

work. Their reception was tremendous and their partnership with the students will no doubt have a lasting impression among the students. Nice job, gentlemen!



Officer Erik Cortes and Officer Marla Kiley (Rampart Division) at Erik's Awards Ceremony.

Well, that about does it for this "All American Division." We remain extremely busy chasing that wonderful radio, and we continue to provide the best service in welcoming many people into our home downstairs because we believe, "No service done for others is ever insignificant;" "Play like a champion today;" and "Fight on!"

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DIVISIONAL REPORTER



by Tom Wich
Robbery-Homicide Division

Commendable Incident

The Robbery Specials Section, as usual, has been extremely busy this year. Until recently, one particular bad guy had



Robbery Division - 1962 "Hat Squad": Capt. Jack Donahoe, Sgts. Max Herman, Eddie Benson, Harold Crowder and "Red" Stromwall.

been a real thorn in our side. This robbery suspect had been targeting small businesses throughout L.A. County and had made a name for himself by committing over one hundred 211s within the past year. What made this bandit so hard to catch was the fact that there was no set pattern to his crimes. One day he would strike in the Valley, the next time would be in the South Bay area, then he would rob another location in the San Gabriel Valley. Based on his clothing description we named him "Mr. Sunglasses." Detectives requested the assistance of Metropolitan Division to help capture this bandit. Officer III+I Randy Holcombe organized a "crime suppression" detail targeting this suspect. During the second week of this detail the suspect was arrested after committing an armed robbery of a flower shop. Based on the fact that this case is pending trial, I'm prohibited from going into more detail of this capture.

We at RHD/Robbery Specials want to thank all of the Metropolitan Division officers who assisted in the arrest of this notorious bandit. This was a true team effort between both of our divisions, the area divisions, outside agencies, and the crime analysis units that assisted in tracking this suspect. Without the cooperation of all entities involved, this lowlife would

probably still be out and about terrorizing the citizens of our city.

New Arrivals

RHD would like to welcome the following "big city" detectives to our division. Congratulations to D-I James Martin (SOE) and Bret Richards (SOW) to their new assignments in the Bank and Robbery section, to new D-III Skip Bauchman (DSD) and Bernard Rogers (WLA). Skip will be working HITMAN and Bernard will be running the CLEAR program. Congratulations to D-I Marcia who is trading his "on loan" status to permanent status assigned to Rape Specials. We would also like to welcome Management Aide Jason White, who will be assigned to the Robbery Section.

Wish I Wasn't in This Article

Congratulations to Det. Spear and his lovely wife, the Honorable Judge Spear, on entering the history books a few months ago. They have been bestowed with the honor of the first recorded colony of "KILLER BEES" to be located in L.A. County. That noise they heard in their tree was no ordinary bee nest. After contacting the county inspectors, his whole block was quarantined pending the destruction of these little creatures. Well, we hear that the neighborhood is once again safe. Poor Bill Spear, he now goes by the new name of "Master B."

Retirement Corner

So much for the cash overtime, break out those checkbooks for another retirement. D-III Mike Buttitta has turned in his detective badge and has started his second career working for the California State Medical Board. Mike is retiring after nearly 28 years of dedicated service to this city. He was last assigned to the Rape Specials Section. A retirement dinner has been planned for September 16th. Contact RHD at 485-2921 for further info.

Until next time, BE SAFE.
P.S., only 146 shopping days until Christmas.

Defense Rep Corner

by Paul M. Weber
Officer Representative Section

As with many things on this large Department, we find the same issues coming up over and over. This is due in part to the constant turnover in supervisors and the lack of adequate training. I recently taught a "new" sergeants school class and learned that some of the students had been supervisors for over a year.

At the end of this article is a May, 1987 Office of Special Services notice regarding the right to representation. I included it so you may cut it out and keep it with you. I encourage you to do this because you will run into someone who will not be familiar with it and it should help resolve any disputes in this area.

The current MOU provides in Article 10 the following:

"The right to representation during the investigation and adjudication of misconduct and during grievance presentations is not to be denied to any employee. Any interview of an employee in connection with an investigation that the employee reasonably believes may result in disciplinary action against the employee will entitle the employee to a representative of his/her choice."

The employee has the right to choose a representative, subject only to reasonable consideration of the representative's availability and the urgency of the investigation. The representative shall be a member of the Department from the rank of Lieutenant or below, or legal counsel (at the employee's expense), or both." (Emphasis added)

The employee must assert the right to representation when he/she reasonably believes an encounter with a supervisor could lead to disciplinary action. The supervisor is not required to advise you of this right. The best advice is to always have representation when you are required to submit to a personnel complaint interview.

Once you determine you need representation, you have the right to choose the representative (lieutenant and below), subject only to reasonable consideration of the representative's availability and the urgency of the investigation. This standard is fact driven and each situation is different. If there is a conflict, allow your representative to resolve it. This may mean the Department will wait or it could require you to select another person.

The employee has the right to an attorney at the interview in addition to his representative. If you are a League member, you are entitled to a one-hour consultation at no

cost, prior to the interview. If during the interview you or your representative determine you should consult an attorney, the interview will cease. The employee will be allowed a reasonable time (about a week) to obtain one. The investigation does not have to be criminal in nature or the employee be an accused officer to invoke this right.

If you need a question answered or help with a complaint, Officer Representation Section is open from 0800-1800, Monday through Friday, at PAB room 813. We can be contacted at (213) 485-9516 or through DHD during off hours.

We are also available for roll call training, divisional training days, or supervisor meetings. Please contact me at ORS to arrange it.

Office of Special Services

To: All Staff and Command Officers
From: Director, Office of Special Services
Subject: Right to Representation
May 15, 1987

Department personnel have recently received questions concerning the right to representation for Department employees during interviews relative to Personnel Complaint Investigations. Article 32 of the current Employee Memorandum (lieutenants and below) details specific provisions on this issue. The following is an excerpt from Article:

"The right to representation during the investigation and adjudication of misconduct and during grievance presentations is not to be denied to any employee. Any interview of an employee in connection with an investigation that the employee reasonably believes may result in disciplinary action against the employee will entitle the employee to a representative of his/her choice."

The employee has the right to choose a representative, subject only to reasonable consideration of the representative's availability and the urgency of the investigation. The representative shall be a member of the Department from the rank of Lieutenant or below, or legal counsel (at the employee's expense), or both."

It is important to remember that the provisions of Article 32 allow an employee to have both an employee representative and legal counsel. If an interview is in progress and a Department employee requests legal counsel, in addition to his/her employee representative, that request must be granted. There is no requirement that the employee be an accused or that the investigation be criminal in nature.

To ensure that clarification of the issue is appropriately disseminated, it is particularly important that all supervisors involved in complaint investigations be immediately advised.

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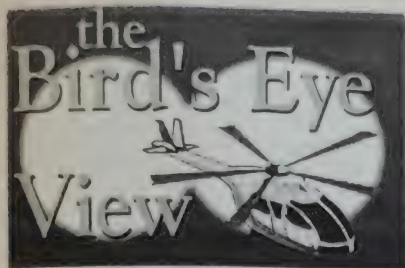
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by Michelle Blackstone
Air Support Division

ASD Happenings

It seems like these months go by way too fast. Here it is July 6th and as usual I'm right up to the deadline to get this article finished.

If you haven't purchased your ticket to the August 13th retirement party yet, you still have a few days left. It should be a great time and we want to send our retirees off with a bang! Congratulations once again to Lt. Johnson, Sgt. Eyster, Officers Putnam, Clark, Baker, Lafferty, and Nelson.

George Lafferty is rumored to be Montana bound. Larry Clark headed north to Idaho. Bob Baker has finally joined his wife and son in Washington. Ira Putnam is doing the traveling thing and heading to Europe prior to spending his life of leisure in Florida. Dick Eyster and Bruce Nelson are happy right where they're at. Lt. Johnson is a wobbler. We can't even get him to commit to a date. We think he loves it here so much he just can't decide what to do. Lt. II Rick Smith (who just got the Lt. 2 spot) is kinda wondering when Keith is going to vacate that office too. Congrats to you, Lt. Smith, on your promotion. Has the lovely Mrs. Smith forgiven you for the Harley mishap yet?

We would like to extend a warm welcome (back) to our new Capt. III Ken Hale. Capt. Hale comes to us from VTD and previously worked here as a lieutenant/pilot. Welcome back, sir, and congratulations!

Congratulations to Sgt. Michelle Veenstra, who soloed on June 12th. Great job. You're on your way.

We would like to wish all the best to Narvia Wells and the Wells family on the birth of Jason Wells. Mom and son are doing great.

We haven't seen the transfer yet, but it is very possible that our very own TFO Andy Whitman is going to be leaving us to promote to sergeant. Congrats, Sarge, and good luck. How are your typing skills? Hopefully better than mine!

We would also like to congratulate Wayne Oatis of 77th Division who just successfully completed his one month TFO loan and made it into the outstanding pool and should be transferring in shortly.

We had to say a very sad farewell to TFO Patty Fuller who left us for a bomb dog spot and is headed to Lackland Air Force Base in lovely San Antonio, Texas, where she and her dog will undergo intense training in the intense Texas heat. Patty will do awesome no matter where she goes, and I personally will miss you a whole bunch, my friend, as will the

entire division. Take care, be safe, and write to us soon! (I'll try to keep up on all the gossip for you.) Thanks to Terri Harrell for all of her hard work on Patty's going-away party. Good job!

Terri and Patty also put together a very nice last supper for Larry Clark on his last day, June 25th. Great food, great company. Thanks for all your hard work, guys. You did a nice job.

We sent Chief Pilot Ira Putnam on his way with a little lunch at Langers Deli. Ira's headed for Europe and filling his shoes as our new Chief Pilot is our very own Don Reuser. Congrats on your promotion, Don.

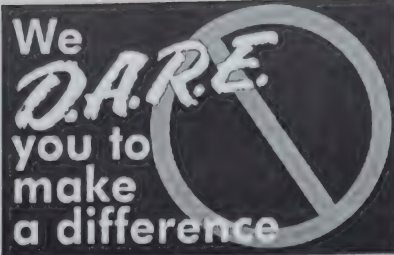
We are in the process of re-painting the ASD logo on the flight deck. It was looking a little worse for wear, not to mention the tire tracks (Lt. Smith) and the footprints (Jim Weigh). How about those push-ups? Thanks to all who took time out of their schedules and showed up to paint. It looks great!

Rumor has it that we will be having Tactical Flight Officer orals in August or September. In order to qualify for the position, you must have five years on the job, preferably spent in the field. However, three years in the field is the minimum requirement. The process consists of an oral interview. If you place in the outstanding category in the oral phase, you will come up on a one-month loan, where you will be rated on your usage of a Thomas Guide, your ability to find your way to a location, your tactical skills and organizational skills upon finding the call, and your communication skills. If you come out in the outstanding pool after your one-month loan, you will be on the list to come back permanently. (With a three-month training probationary period.) We are in need of good street cops to come up and try for the spot. We are down in our TFOs and will be losing a couple more in the next month or so, soooo... it's a very good opportunity for people to apply. Come up for a ride-along and see if you like it.

At this point we usually put in the tip of the month, but I wanted to take a moment to say GOODBYE TO MY FRIENDS here at Air Support Division. I deferred a Sergeant spot a year ago and for some crazy reason I'm leaving the greatest division in the department and taking the stripes. I have had the good fortune to have been up here off and on since March, 1996, between loans and waiting for a permanent spot, and it has been an incredible ride! I wish I could thank each and every one of you for the great times and learning experiences that I have had up here, but it would take me days! I have had the opportunity to work with true heroes and legends, past and present, and I truly appreciate every moment that I have spent here. I am going to miss you guys so much!! Stay safe and listen up for me on the ground. I hope to keep you busy, busy, busy doing left turns. Until we meet again... take care.

With that, I am passing the Blue Line torch to Cole Burdette (O.G. 77th Gunfighter). I'm sure he will keep you all entertained.

Goodbye guys...



by Cesar Gonzalez
DARE Division

DARE Division is currently seeking Police Officers II and Police Officers III to fill instructor positions throughout the city.

The youth in our schools throughout the City of Los Angeles and across the nation continue to face a number of significant challenges in their lives. One of those is the important decision of



Director Dennis P. Zine congratulates retiring member, Delegate Ron Glover, on his retirement.

whether or not to use drugs or to become involved in situations in which they resort to the use of violence to resolve their personal conflicts. In the knowledge-based society in which we live, our very future is wholly dependent upon their ability to choose the right course. Fortunately, the vast majority of them do so. However, their real success rests primarily on the proper education they receive at home and at school.

The Drug Abuse Resistance Education (DARE) Program symbolizes the type of cooperative alliance that is so essential to this continued success. As many of you are well aware, the City of Los Angeles was the birthplace of this dynamic philosophy over sixteen years ago. From that humble beginning has emerged the most effective youth-based drug and violence prevention strategy in the world today. Since that time, thousands of police officers have joined forces to successfully

teach this prevention system to over 25 million students in the United States for a total of nearly 35 million youth in more than 44 countries around the globe. As a result, countless young lives have been dramatically changed for the better.

This special curriculum not only addresses issues relating to drug and violence prevention, but also helps students improve their study habits and promotes respect for law enforcement. Under the guidance of specially trained police officers, the DARE program teaches our youth the skills they need to resist peer pressure, remain drug free and to avoid the use of violence. Our Department recently expanded the presentation of this curriculum so that we now offer it in all grade levels from elementary through high school, in both public and private institutions.

DARE is a tremendously successful program in which all of us can take a

great deal of pride. By doing so we ensure that this meaningful doctrine remains in the forefront of our efforts to combat drug use and violence through education.

DARE Division is actively seeking qualified personnel. Prior teaching experience is not required. Applicants should possess a strong desire to help the youth of our community avoid the pitfalls of drug abuse, violence and gang involvement. Presently, DARE Division has numerous P.O. III and P.O. II vacancies. P.O. II applicants should have completed at least two years of patrol as a P-II. If you wish to make a difference in the life of a student, submit your last three ratings, a TEAMS Report and a 15.88 to DARE Division at 6000 South Saint Andrews Place. For additional information, contact Officer Carol Evans or Sgt. Marcella Piersol at (213) 485-4856.

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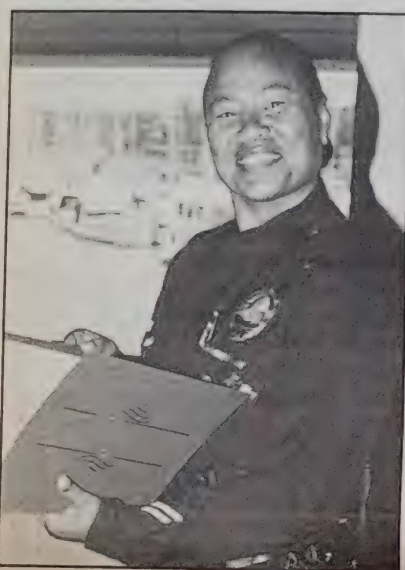


Pacific Breeze

by Cheri Roberts
Pacific Division

Summer Games

This year's Police Summer Games was held (for the most part) in Pasadena, and it was nice and hot! I have compiled a list of Pacific officers who participated, along with their results: Officer **Rayney Arnold** participated in the Women's Class Jet Ski Competition, held at Lake Castaic, tak-



CRO Rayney Arnold puttin' on the ritz!

ing home four bronze medals. She took 4th in the Closed Course Stand-up, 3rd in the Closed Course Sit-down Three-seater, 3rd in the Slalom Stand-up, and 3rd in the Slalom Sit-down in a field of 20 other competitors. SLO **Craig White** took home a gold medal in the Grand Master 50-yd Breaststroke, a bronze in Men's Cross Country Mountain Bike, 4th in Men's Road Race, and 5th in Men's Criterium. SLO **Kimberly Kempton**, Officer **Scott Nichols**, and Officer **Mark Reina** (members of the LAPD Roller Hockey [2nd] Team) took home a bronze medal (4th place) after playing over a four-day period. Congratulations to all the winners, and those who were involved in the competition!

Volunteer Praise

Pacific Area Volunteers were recently commended for their service and dedication to our Division and our De-



D-3's Pete Waack and Chuck Worthen pose for a shot with volunteer Norma Raabe.

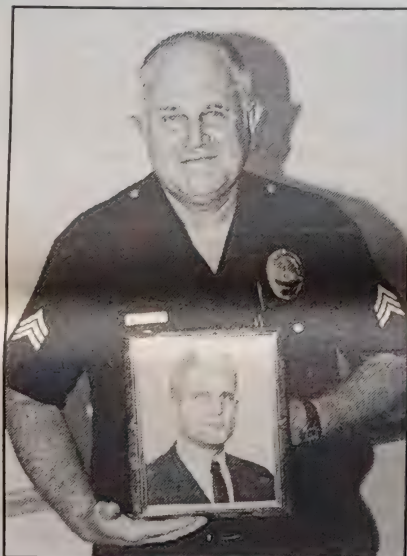
partment. A luncheon was held in their honor, where they were presented with certificates by our command staff. Community Relations Officer Rayney Arnold did a wonderful job putting the event together, which was enjoyed by all who attended. In addition, Chief Rick Dinse informed us that he was giving each volunteer a raise!

Thirty-four Years of Pure Bliss!

On June 30th, Sgt. **Dave Nichols** was honored during a "Roll Call Retirement Party." Dave conducted his last inspection and received a beautiful gold watch and a wonderful humidor filled with his favorite goodies. He is retiring after 34 years of dedicated service to the Los Angeles Police Department. His assignments were: 77th, WLA, 77th (P-II), Southwest (P-III & P-III+I), and a Sergeant at Pacific, Wilshire, Pacific LAX, and Pacific Patrol. He will be missed at not only this division, but by this Department. We want to thank him for his many years of dedicated service and wish him a long and happy retirement!

Torch Run

On June 8, 1999, the Special Olympics Torch Run came through our division again. Our volunteer runners this year were D-3 **Regina Scott**, D-1 **Ray Terrones**, P-3 **Pete Stone**, and D-1 **Aldegare**. But after several changes in the location of the hand-off, only Regina and Ray were able to run. The run, which started on Sandpiper, went to Pershing, then to Manchester, E/B to Aviation and into the city of Inglewood. Thanks to all who signed up and



Sgt. Dave Nichols: Then and Now! May you have a happy, happy retirement!

to those who actually were able to run!!

Movin' In

We welcome the following people to Pacific Area: Lt. **Weinstein** in from DEV, Officer **Goodman** in from DARE, Officer **Love** over from HOBK, Officer **Allen** in from SW, Officer **Anthony** over from TRD, Officer **Plummer** over from VNYS, Officer **Monarrez** over from WVAL, Officer **Ward** back from EODD, and PSR **Taylor** in from COMM.

Movin' Up

Congratulations goes out to Officers **Zambon** and **Wong** who both recently made P-3. Zambon stays here at Pacific, and Wong goes on over to WB.

Movin' Out

We say goodbye to the following people who are leaving Pacific for bigger and better things (they think): Lt. **Foster**, who is headed for CTD, Sgt. **Carter**, who is headed to the Chief's office (don't forget about us!), Officer **Underdahl**, who is off to CP, Officer **Yoon**, who is going to ND, Officers **Reina** and **Sledge**, who are headed for TBD, Officer **Solis**, who is off to TD, Officer **Watson**, who is going to USD, and Sgt. **Nichols** (AWC), who is EOW. Best wishes to everyone! Have a great August!

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RECRUITMENT RHETORIC

by Douglas P. Larkin
Employment Opportunity
and Development Division

Well, I hope that everyone had a great and safe 4th of July celebration. The night prior to, I spent some time in the roof garden of my apartment complex watching the fireworks that were being shot from Santa Monica College, and I didn't even have to dodge traffic!!

LAPD joins the Marines

Our recruitment officers over the next year or so will be teaming up with the United States Marine Corps recruiter training sessions at MCRD San Diego. We are doing this for several reasons: First, since our mission is to be the best police department recruiters and the Marine Corps have the best military recruiters, it is our desire to learn about their training and strategies to better accomplish our mission. Second, in the long run, training on one of their own bases will give us even more

of an opportunity to continue recruiting in their own backyard. Lastly, we want to approach every avenue to become more successful.

Speaking of the Marines... After a significant recruitment drive in the Southern California and San Diego regions, over 80 people took the police officer entry level test at Camp Pendleton on June 26.

City Council Districts

Each recruiter is also now responsible for establishing and maintaining liaisons with City Council District offices. This is another one of our outreach programs to try identify additional pools of applicants. Did I mention in the past several articles that our Department is in serious need of qualified candidates?

Promotions

Congratulations to our very own **Rosa Torres**, #31867, and DARE Division's **Linda Peace**, #32392, on their promotions to Police Officer III.

We would also like to welcome **Tonya Dummer**, #30041, to our recruitment team, and she hails also from the illustrious DARE Division. And of course, after a very long hold status, **Danny Chao**, #31965, of Valley Traffic, has arrived. I guess you needed a little work in the art of perseverance.



by Tim Moss
West Valley Division

Red Davis Tournament Champions

For the last four years WVAL has had an outstanding divisional softball team. They won 38 of the 40 games in league play. After winning six straight games in the pre-season tournament, WVAL team members believed this might be their year. After another first place finish in league play, WVAL started the Red Davis Tournament with three come from behind wins against Metro, Hollywood and Northeast #1. On the second day, WVAL used outstanding defense to get by a tough VNYS team to get the championship game. Not only did WVAL get the championship game, but also as fate would have it, the battle would be against the very talented Newton Street Team who fought valiantly but could not hold out for the win.

As most old timers know, Sgt. Red Davis spent the majority of his career at Newton Division. The community room at Newton is named after Red. Red Davis was one of the great police baseball players from the '40s, '50s, and '60s. He was on the last undefeated Newton baseball team of 1973. The 1973 team was 15 and 0, including the Shanasee play-off tournament. The Red Davis Tournament was extremely special for one WVAL player, ME, Lt. Moss. I played on that 1973 undefeated team with Red. This is my last year playing on the WVAL team, and what a way to finish 28 years of competition with a championship! The whole team contributed to the win. Lt. Ray Lom-

bardo, with his pitching and outstanding hitting. Officer **Roy Brown** batted over 800%, Sgt. **Steve Lozano**, with his awesome glove and arm where he threw out several runners at home plate. There was outstanding defense by some great infield gloves, including Officer **Tony Ljubetic** at shortstop, ME (Lt. Moss) at 2nd base, Sgt. **J. D. Clifford** at 1st base, and Officer **Roy Brown** at 3rd base. The strongest part of the defense were the unbelievable outfielders who made so many fantastic plays with the gloves and the great arms that threw out so many runners. Officer **Jeff Stahl** shut down a rally when he threw behind a runner rounding 2nd base. The runner could not have been more surprised when he turned back to 2nd base and found the ball waiting for him in MY (Lt. Moss) glove. Officer **Rich Bengtson** played injured and could hardly run, but he came through with some timely hits and stretched some home runs into doubles. Officer **Joe Ramirez** blessed us with his presence the second day of the tournament and ignited us to several rallies. Officer **Tom Gahry** and Officer **Mike Scott** played outstanding in the outfield and really came through with their big bats! However, the hit of the tournament came late in the Championship game against Newton when our only female team mate, Officer **Shelby Wilcox**, came to bat with bases loaded. The Newton outfield moved to shallow positions believing Shelby was going to hit another line drive. Shelby then launched one over the left fielder's head for a base clearing triple. That was the final blow and WVAL cruised to the championship!

It was a great finish to a four-year struggle to win the Red Davis. Last, but not least, a huge "thank you" to Sgt. **Paul Sciarrillo** who coached us to the championship. Finishing with an overall 1999 record of 20 and 1 was not bad for Paul's first year as coach of the WVAL softball team.

Congratulations West Valley Red Davis champions!!

Northeast Corner

by Lauro V. Montes
Northeast Division

What better way to begin the August article than to dedicate the opening remarks to seven of L.A.'s finest, seven seasoned veterans who combine for over 195 years of law enforcement experience. Their names are: P-3 **Lou Lozano**, #13929 (31 years), P-3 **James Shiver**, #17191 (27+ years), P-3 **Lynn Luiz**, #17180 (27+ years), P-3 **Phil Rodriguez**, #16924 (28 years), P-3 **Mike Klee**, #16437 (28+ years), P-3 **Gary Feauto**, #17822 (26+ years), and Sgt.-1 **Roland Andrade**, #16167 (28+ years). They have all decided to call it a career. They are all officially retired. They brought pride, dedication, commitment, professionalism, determination, work ethic, and a positive attitude to work on a daily basis. They were our partners, our training officers, our peers, and most importantly our



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friends. They were both quality officers and quality people. Northeast Division is sad to see all of them go, but we wish them a "very happy retirement." We also wish you great health for the next fifty years, so you may collect some well deserved pension dollars.

The enclosed photo was taken at Lou Lozano's retirement gathering on June 30th at Northeast Station. Joining Lou are (l to r) **Marty Coon**, **Rick Diste-fano**, **Joe Beruman**, **Capt. Moselle**, and **Mike Valenciana**.

Sick & IOD Personnel

Here's wishing all Northeast personnel who are out long-term sick and IOD a speedy recovery. We are all thinking of you.

Commendable Northeast Caper

On June 18, 1999, during Day Watch, Lee Underwood was the victim of a battery. Mr. Underwood was being interviewed by Northeast personnel when he observed Officer **Rich Will**, #13813, who had just arrived on scene. Mr. Underwood stated, "I know that officer. He wrote me a ticket 30 years ago. He turned my life around." Mr. Underwood explained that approximately 30 years ago he was a bitter young man who was returning home from Vietnam. Out one day, in a bad

mood and doing no good, he was stopped by Officer Will for a violation. Officer Will issued a citation and gave him a lecture. According to Mr. Underwood the lecture turned his life around. Mr. Underwood appeared to be a successful citizen who was accompanied by a good looking and well behaved teenage son. (Submitted by Day Watch OIC, Lt. **Byron Young**.)

Footnote: a check of the Northeast logs for the last 30 years was conducted and it was discovered that Mr. Underwood's ticket was the last ticket written by Officer Will.

Bouncing Bundles of Joy

Lenning and Kelly Davis celebrated the birth of their son, **Lenning Alston Davis IV**, on June 21, 1999, at 2047 hours. **Lenning IV** weighed in at 8 pounds and was 20-1/2 inches in length.

Mr. and Mrs. **Carlos Langarica** celebrated their new arrival, **Vanessa Langarica**, on June 22, 1999 at 1557 hours. **Vanessa** weighed in at 7 pounds. Fellow CRU officers say "Congratulations to DC-1."

George & Allison Goodyear celebrated the recent birth of their son, **Justin Goodyear**, on June 24, 1999, at 1736 hours. **Justin** weighed in at a healthy 8 pounds and 11 ounces.

Northeast Area Uniformed CRASH Officer of the Quarter

Congratulations to P-2 **Richard Gadsby**, #31981, on his selection as Northeast Area Uniformed CRASH Officer of the Quarter. Officer Gadsby is a four-year veteran who has spent the last two years as a gang investigator. He possesses professionalism, expertise, tactical ability and leadership skills. He makes solid arrests based on his street intelligence. He is presently assigned to the Toonerville and Rascal Gangs. Richard is often assigned to train and educate the new officers. He is a designated team leader who undertakes tactical search warrants. He is one of the more productive CRASH officers who is the first to offer assistance to his peers. Richard is a reflection of the high standards set forth by CRASH and is also of the highest caliber for which the LAPD is world renowned.

Northeast Area Patrol Officer of the Quarter

Northeast Area is proud and honored to name P-3 **Jimmie Jones**, #16958, as the Patrol Officer of the Quarter for the first quarter of 1999. **Jimmie** celebrated his 28th year anniversary last December. He is currently assigned as the AM Watch desk training officer. This assignment requires a positive attitude, patience and outstanding communication skills. If any other desk officer needs a procedural question answered, they always consult **Jimmie**. Supervisors delegate assignments to him that are normally assigned to other supervisors. **Jimmie's** 13 years of Communications Division experience is a valuable asset when the division goes into fall-back mode. He has the ability to solve any problem or situation he is con-

fronted with. When the Watch Commander is out on an incident, **Jimmie** is left in charge. His level of skill can only be mastered by years of outstanding service and commitment. **Jimmie** is truly worthy of his selection as Northeast Area Patrol Officer of the Quarter.

Northeast Area Sergeant of the Year - 1998

Sgt. **Ignacio M. Verduzco**, #24566, a 15-year department veteran, has been selected as the Northeast Area Sergeant of the Year. Sgt. Verduzco is a confident, reliable, affable, professional and energetic "team player." He visits and reads to grade school children in the Northeast community. He is a mentor, tutor, coach, father and husband without jeopardizing or neglecting one for the other. As a field supervisor, he provides officers with positive guidance and direc-



Lou Lozano's retirement gathering 6/30/99.

tion so they may make sound field decisions. As an administrative supervisor, he possesses the insight, expertise and knowledge to complement the administrative section. His contagious energy and versatility make him a valuable asset to Northeast Area.

Pasadena Summer Games

Congratulations to the following Northeast personnel who recently participated in the Pasadena Summer Games, June 20-26, which were hosted by the Pasadena Police Department. You all did an outstanding job of upholding Northeast Division's proud athletic tradition. **Mark Allen**, gold medal (weightlifting); **Capt. Ron Sanchez**, gold medal (karate-hard style forms), and silver medal (karate-fighting division); **Paul Williams**, **John Marroquin**, **Eli Villaseñor**, **Terri Anderson**, **Joe Preciado**, **Vince Carreon**, and **Everardo Amaral**, bronze medal (co-ed softball); **Ken Korn**, bronze

medal (golf); **George Angulo**, bronze medal (open softball); **Michael Jackson**, bronze medal (open basketball); **Paul Williams** and **John Marroquin** (35 and over softball); **Paul Williams** (45 and over softball); and **Ladole Morris** (open basketball).

Special recognition goes out to Officer **Mark Allen** on his (400+ lbs.) bench press, and **Capt. Ron Sanchez** (two medals) who is a 4th degree black belt in American Kenpo Karate.

Red Davis Tournament

After soundly defeating Newton Division in the quarter final game of the tournament, Northeast #1 was anxious to advance to the semi-final game. An ineligible player ruling prevented them from advancing any further. Although disqualified, Northeast #1 managed to finish at the 4th best team in the city. With many players returning and a few coming up from the #2 squad, coach **Marroquin** will be ready to defend his central league title next year.

Special Olympic Torch Run

On June 10th and 11th, Northeast Division had 13 runners participate in the annual Torch Run, which benefited the California Special Olympics. All runners are to be commended for their concern for the Special Olympic athletes. Northeast runners included: **Joe Preciado**, **John Tarankow**, **Lou Loya**,



NE Patrol Torch Run Team.

Gil Garcia, **Joe Pinuelas**, **Aydee Sanchez**, **Louie Chavez**, **Oscar Prado**, **Sonia Grace**, **Kevin Stogsdill**, **Barry Stanford**, **Frank Murillo**, **Ramiro Cabrera** and **Tom Stapleton**.

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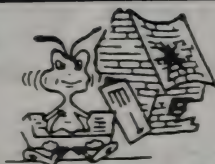
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DIVISIONAL REPORTER

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by Al Labrado
Southeast Division

Another One For the Books

On June 6, 1999, at approximately 0110 hours, Officers **Bruce Campbell** and **Steve O'Neal** were assigned to Southeast patrol unit 18X18. Campbell and O'Neal heard a broadcast of a burglary suspect there now. Suspects were described as two female and two male Hispanics dressed in black clothing breaking into a gray 1986 Toyota Corolla. Campbell and O'Neal were traveling west on 92nd Street, east of Figueroa

tigation of burglary. The suspect told the officers that he was on probation for burglary. Officer Campbell conducted a pat-down search of the suspect and recovered a hand-held walkie talkie and six shaved car keys in the suspect's pockets. The unit handling the burglary from vehicle calls responded to their location and informed O'Neal that the suspects they had detained were not identified as the suspects from the radio call.



Lt. Debbie McCarthy and Sergeant Ted Maillet at the Torch Run.



The Southeast Area Torch Run Team.

Street, when they noticed two male Hispanics walking west of the radio call location.

Officers Campbell and O'Neal negotiated a U-turn to detain the two male Hispanics as possible burglary suspects. Both suspects ran into an apartment complex. Campbell and O'Neal caught both suspects and detained them for the inves-

Due to the number of shaved car keys and suspect not owning any vehicles matching those keys, the officers determined from their training and experience that the suspect had possession of burglary tools (arrested for 466 PC).

Officers determined that the suspect had conditions for search of his residence. Therefore, they conducted a

search of the suspect's residence and recovered cocaine, scales, lidocaine, cellophane, two additional hand-held two-way radios, a slide hammer, a pellet gun, and nine additional shaved car keys inside the suspect's home.

These guys were positively identified as not being involved in the burglary; however, they got a bad case of wrong place at the wrong time. Good job!

Police Memorial Week

On June 8th, Southeast Officers displayed their support by participating in the annual Police Memorial Torch Run. Twenty-four runners participated in the run as well as numerous onlookers and clowns. The torch was received from 77th Division at Manchester and Vermont Avenue. The group then went southbound on Vermont to Imperial Highway then east to Alameda where Southgate Police took it over. The run was six miles, which included cadence and various cheers from area residents as the officers ran past them. The runners

res. The Southeast team placed 2nd in the Memorial Run.

FYI

Congratulations to Officer **Boyer** on the recent birth of his new baby boy, Wyatt Boyer, born June 28th at 5:00 p.m. The youngest of the Boyers weighed in at 7 pounds, 1 ounce, and was 19-1/2 inches. Congratulations to all three of you.

Arrivals and Departures

I would also like to bid a well-deserved farewell to Det. **Gary Lamont** of Southeast Area Detectives. He retired after 29 fine years of service. Good luck and don't forget us working folks.

Congrats to new Sgt. **Kathleen Matthews** (RAMP) and Det. **Linda Compton** for her upgrade to D-II. Southeast's new P-IIIs are **Eric Rodgers** (HARB), **Ron Gilder** (TBD), and **Patricia Gavira** (WIL).

I would like to especially like to welcome back to Southeast Sgt. **Roy Gard-**



Officer Becky Zufall, Sgt. Kathryn Meeks, Officer Jeanette Lopez, Det. Brit Nickerson and Officer Maria Flores at the Memorial Run.

received a good escort from several black and whites, mobile sub-station and CHP units. The runners were Officers **Richard Carillo**, **Dalela Nizcarra**, **Marco Aguilar**, **Jeff Robb**, **Mario Rios**, **Osbaldo Camacho**, **Cesar Huevo**, **Bruce Adam**, **Tony Perez**, Lt. **Debbie McCarthy**, Sgt. **Kathy Meek**, Officers **Matthew Olmstead**, and **Cliff Ohler**, and **SLO Floro Pinzon**.

I promised information on the Police Memorial Run, the runners for Southeast were Officer **Becky Zufall**, Sgt. **Kathleen Meek**, Officer **Jeanette Lopez**, Det. **Britt Nickerson**, and Officer **Maria Flo-**

ner (RAMP) and Sgt. **Ietia Eston** (WIL).

I would like to bid a farewell to Capt. **III Tammy Tatreau** (COMM CO), Sgt. **Mo Batts** (77th AWC), Sgt. **Evie Arocho** (WIL), Det.-1 **J. Martin** (RHD), Officer **Kelly Sandell** (METRO), Officer **B. Masten** (DSD), Officer **Crystal Hayes** (HWD), and Officer **Marci Charles** (STD).

Welcome to Capt.-1 **Charlie Beck** (MSD), Sgt. **Raymond Mendoza** (NEWT), Sgt. **Daniel Putz** (CENT), Officer **Kristi Nielsen** (VNY), Officers **Akili Khalfani** (WIL), **Julio Mendez** (TRNG), and **Susan White** (TRNG).
BE SAFE!

ACADEMY NEWS

by David Koeh
Training Division

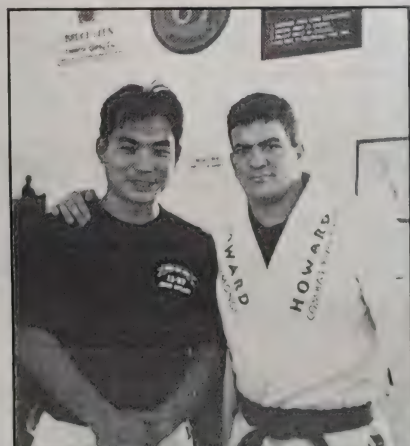
Outstanding Instructor Award

Congratulations to Officer **Pete Phermasangnam** of the Physical Training and Self-Defense Unit for being selected as the Outstanding Instructor by the 11-98 Recruit Class! Pete is also the first Training Division instructor to be selected as the Outstanding Instructor on two occasions. The 10-97 Class had also selected him for this award on a previous occasion. Outstanding Instructor awards include an appetizing breakfast with Chief Parks and guests from the community.

Police Summer Games

Training Division employees showed their team and Division spirit at this year's Police Summer Games. Officer **Sheila Daniel** (Human Relations

Training Unit), supported by her family and co-workers, won three gold medals and set three new records in the Masters (B) 800 meter, 1500 meter, and 5000



Pete Phermasangnam posing with a martial arts legend, Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu expert Jean Jacques Machado.

meter races. **Chris Hughes** (Physical Training and Self-Defense Unit) obtained three gold medals in the Senior (A) 200 meter, Senior 4 X 100 meter, and 4 X 400 meter relays. Chris set a new record in the Senior 4 X 100 meter relay. **Roslyn Clark** (Physical Training and Self-Defense Unit) won four gold medals in the Senior (B) 400 meter, Senior (B) 800 meter, medley relay, and the 4 X 100 meter relay races. **Ger-**

ald Woodyard (Physical Training and Self-Defense Unit) took the gold in the Senior 4 X 100 meter and 4 X 400 meter relays. Gerald also achieved a bronze medal in the Senior (A) 100 meter relay race. **Staci Broussard** (Recruit Coordination Training Unit) earned the silver medal in the Women's Five-on-Five Basketball Competition. Finally,



Officers Chris Hughes, Sheila Daniel and Gerald Woodyard.

Bruce Barrios (Physical Training and Self-Defense Unit) obtained two silver medals in the Men's Tennis Competition.



Becky Strong, Felicia Bailey, Rosalyn Clark and Kim Jones (4X100 Medley Relay).

Outstanding job! Congratulations to all of our superb athletes and a special thanks to all of those Training Division staff who came out to cheer them on!

Promotions and Transfers

Congratulations to Officer **Arnett** (Newton Div.) on the promotion to PIII and acceptance into Training Division! The other transfers coming into Training are the following: Officers **Tango** (Central), **Utley** (Devonshire), **Eagle** (Hollenbeck), and **Solis** (Pacific). Welcome!

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4x400 Relay



4x400 and 800 Medley Relay



Body Builder: John Paul Franklin

Photo by Dennis P. Zine



3x3 Basketball Team



3x3 Basketball "Pierre's Team"



3x3 Basketball "Shooters" Team



5x5 Basketball Team



5x5 Basketball Team



Women's 5x5 Basketball Team

Photo by Dennis P. Zine



Ken Koch: Motocross



Photos by Barbara



"Rockers" Coed Softball Team



Men's "Blue" Softball Team



"Red" Softball Team



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Master's Softball Team



"Lawmen" Softball Team



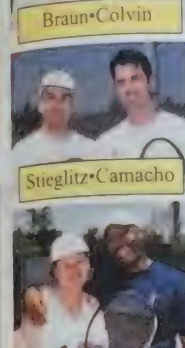
Women's "Blue" Softball Team



Hawk's Coed Softball Team



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Women's Soccer Team

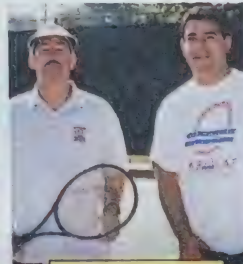
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Cepeida's Soccer Team



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"Stuck Time" Coed Softball Team (Lim's Team)

LAPD ATHLETES DOMINATE CA POLICE SUMMER GAMES

By Lew Snow
LAPRAAC Sports Beat Editor

The normally quiet City of Roses (Pasadena) was invaded at the end of June by 6,000 athletes, representing 360 different law enforcement agencies throughout the state, who participated in the 33rd annual California Police Summer Games.

This yearly gathering of police athletes, initially called the California Police Olympics, was first organized in 1967 by Duke Nyhus (San Diego PD) and the legendary Bob Burke, LAPD's first Athletic Director. (This was back in the days of President Lyndon Johnson, Police Chief Tom Reddin, bell bottoms, psychedelics, and the original run of Star Trek!) The event has grown from the 200 who competed in 16 events over a weekend in San Diego to become one of the largest law enforcement athletic events in the world.

Over 600 athletes who competed in this year's games proudly represented LAPD (over one in every ten participants), the strongest representation of any law enforcement agency in the state. And, as they have done every year since 1967, department teams and athletes again dominated the action. Events ranged from traditional (basketball, bench press, pistol, softball and tennis) to the more eclectic (darts, horseshoes, pocket billiards, surfing and water skiing).

While official results were still being

compiled at our press deadline, it is known that department teams and athletes brought home a bushel basketful of medals. LAPD teams dominated Slo-Pitch play as the Red Team earned a second straight gold medal in the Open Division (the L.A. Lawmen team took a bronze), the Gray Team also won a gold (in the Masters Division) as did the Stick Time team in the Coed Division.

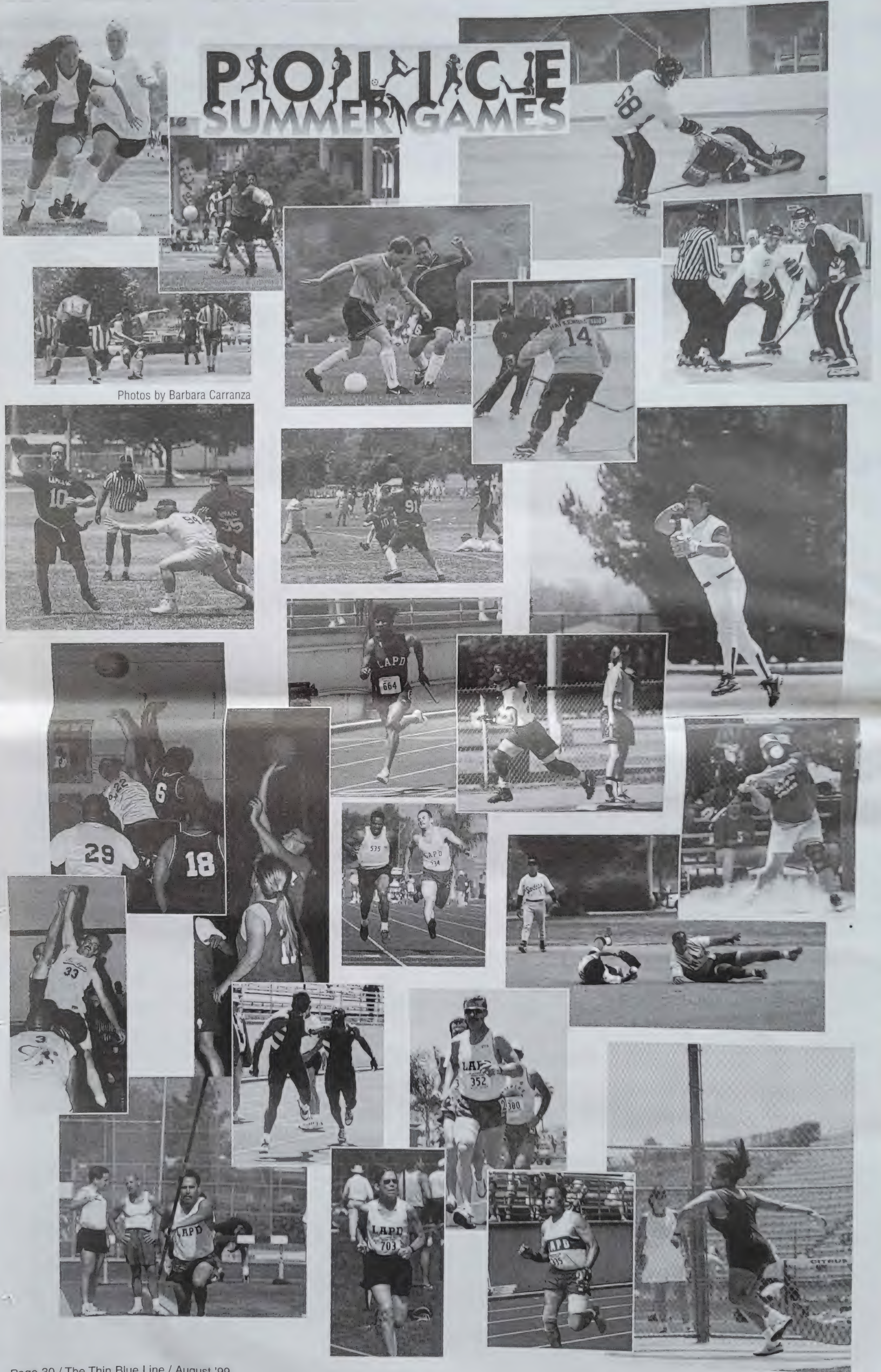
Also competing at the top of their sports were teams and athletes in Pistol (gold for the #1 team, silver for the #2 squad), Action Shooting (team gold and silver), Women's Basketball (silver), Soccer (gold for the #1 team and silver for the women), Long Distance Running (gold and silver medals), Roller Hockey (gold) and Volleyball (gold for the men and silver for the women).

Numerous athletes won individual gold, silver and bronze medals in Action Shooting, Boxing, Track and Field, Tennis and in Cycling-related events (including Mountain Bike and Triathlon).

The night of the Boxing finals, held at the Rose Bowl, featured a moving memorial service honoring officers who gave their lives to protect the citizens of California since the 1998 Summer Games... including two of our own... Officers Filbert Cuesta and Brian Brown.

Next year's games, scheduled for near-by San Bernardino (and the first of the new millennium), will be renamed the California Police and Fire Games to reflect broadening of competition to include fire department personnel. ♦

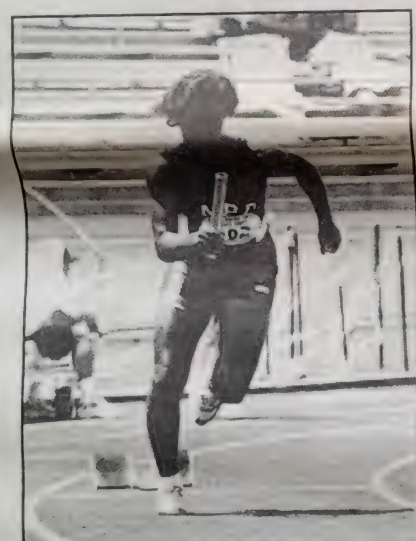
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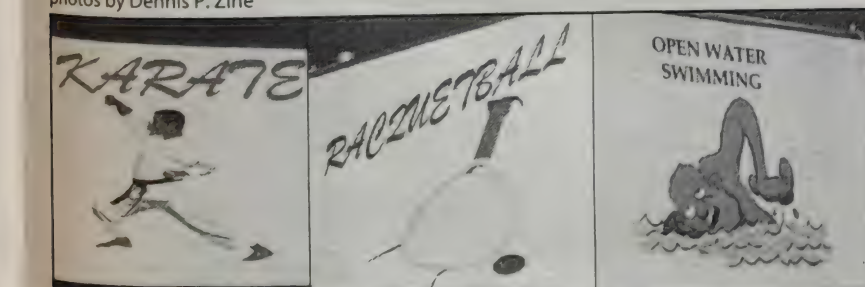
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Masters Slow-Pitch, Over 45 Years Division

by Bob Rose

It all started with a phone call from Barri Moore in Hollywood Area. Barri wanted me to contact Floyd Toledo about forming an over-45 year team for the 1999 California State Summer Games. I contacted Mark Barnes at IRO in Van Nuys and he was interested. I contacted Bill Bowen in Valley Traffic and he was interested and stated he knew a couple of players that might be interested. This added Jim Quinlin and John Teetor. I then contacted Roy Hightower, Will Griggs, and Ernie Fischer, long-time members of my LAPD fastpitch team. Floyd then got Bobby Diaz and Ken Hillman. Jim Rigney, the Van Nuys time-keeper, stated he was interested. As the final team hit the field, these 13 players would be all that we would need this year. Floyd and I planned on doing the coaching and Jim Rigney stated he could pitch BP and back-up wherever needed. A good thing, Jim, Floyd and I were not only the coaching staff, we were also the entire bench. This team was built primarily for defense. In this respect, it excelled. Will Griggs at second, and Roy Hightower at shortstop choked up the middle. John Teetor at first base and Ken Hillman at third, anchored the corners. Bill Bowen handled the pitching (one walk in the tourney) and Mark Barnes behind the plate (four putouts). Other teams complained about the playing con-

dition of the outfield. It did not seem to bother Ernie Fischer, Jim Quinlin, Barri Moore or Bobby Diaz. No errors and nothing but steady defense. Ernie even choked off the last CHP rally by throwing out a runner at the plate, and against the CDC Barri forced one at second and then a perfect relay from Ernie to Roy to Mark ended any chance CDC had of a comeback. I knew we had the defense, the surprise came the second day when we exploded for 12 runs in the top of the first against the L.A. Sheriffs. We buried them 24-6. Then we took on the CDC combo. The tone for the game was set in the second inning when Mark Barnes, he of bad hamstrings, poor knees, and bad neck and back, stretched a single into a double with a vicious slide (much to the concern of one manager). A few batters later, old hard nose Ernie Fischer, who we are all convinced inhaled too much aviation fumes while in the Marine Corps, duplicated this feat with a head-first slide. Well, all's well that ends well. Although banged up, we had only four healthy bodies at the end of the tourney. We won all games with a combined score of 74-29. Not bad for a first year team that had never played any game together.

Hitting wise, every starter had at least three RBIs. Every time anyone pitched around Barnes, Ken Hillman made them pay. It was just a team that I was very proud to be a part of. Floyd, thanks for the phone call. It was fun. I like gold.

LAPD Volleyball

Team Captain: Andy Smith, Southeast FES

LAPD volleyball does it again. At the California Police Summer Games the Los Angeles Police Department had two teams competing in six-person volleyball. LAPD #1 was the defending gold medal team. The competition included teams from CA State Parks, Long Beach PD, L.A. Sheriff's Dept., CYA and the CHP. The number one team was undefeated going 10-0, beating the CHP 15-8, 15-13 in the gold medal match. LAPD #2 lost in the semi-finals and took fourth place. The LAPD volleyball team has won five of the last six California Police Summer Games.

We also had two teams competing in doubles. Andy Smith and Fred Fogarty took first place in Masters Doubles, beating a team from the Sheriff's Dept. 15-6, 15-1. Sean Lewis, Steve Roussell and Juan Reyes took second place in Beach Doubles losing to a team from Santa Cruz.

LAPD #1:
Andy Smith, Rick Jackson, Jeff Stahl, Jeff Coles, Roger Rampton, Chris Walter, Ryan Cooper, Robert Smith.

LAPD #2:
Juan Reyes, Sean Lewis, Julie Stranahan, Scott Burkett, David Reyes, Val Valenti, Fred Fogarty, Steve Roussell, Melissa Lynch.

We are always looking for new players. We play every Monday night, 7:30 p.m., at the academy gym. Contact Andy Smith (213) 485-6927 for additional information.

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LAPD Women's Volleyball Team Takes Home Two Silver Medals

Melissa Lynch, Stacey Szymkowiak, and Julie Stranahan defeated San Jose PD and the Los Angeles County Sheriffs Department in the 1999 California Police Summer Games, held in Pasadena this year. On Tuesday, June 22nd, they competed in the women's triples tournament losing only to San Diego PD. On Friday, June 25th, they competed for the first time in the beach tournament held in Santa Monica and took home another silver medal. This is the second year the team has participated in the Summer Games and their next stop is the Las Vegas games in August. The team practices every Monday at 7:30 p.m. in the academy gym. All interested women can contact Officer Stranahan by interoffice E-mail or Julie@skindeepband.com.

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POLICE SUMMER GAMES

New Strings Come To Play, Russell Stays Hot

by James Lavenson

This year had the largest turnout in recent memory for the LAPD Strings tennis team. Thanks to the valiant recruitment effort by Lt. Tim Moss, West Valley watch commander, there were 22 entrants entered in the Summer Games held at the South Pasadena Racquet Center. On the women's side, Sharon Biggs (FTHL) made a name for herself by winning the senior singles. Edmund Russell (NHWD) continued his winning ways by capturing his fifth consecutive singles title by outlasting his opponent in a 2-1/2 hour finale. He returned two days later to capture the doubles title with Jim Lavenson (PAC).

In all, the team walked away with a record 28 medals. No other tennis team has ever accomplished this feat. Nine "singles" medals were earned, along with eleven "doubles" and eight "mixed doubles" medals. Congratulations to the Strings for their impressive showing during the Summer Games. Who knows what the future holds. The sky is the limit for this group of players.

The following is a list of the members who medaled: Edmund Russell (gold, gold), Jim Lavenson (gold, silver) Bruce Barrios (silver, silver) Teresa Dougherty (gold, bronze, bronze), Sharon Biggs (gold, bronze, bronze), Bruce Rogers (bronze, bronze), Michael Braun (silver, bronze), Susie Calderon (silver, silver), Hillary Colvin (silver, silver), Gavin Stieglitz (bronze, bronze), Cid Camacho

(bronze), Tim Moss (silver), Ruperto Fabros (bronze), Martin Pinedo

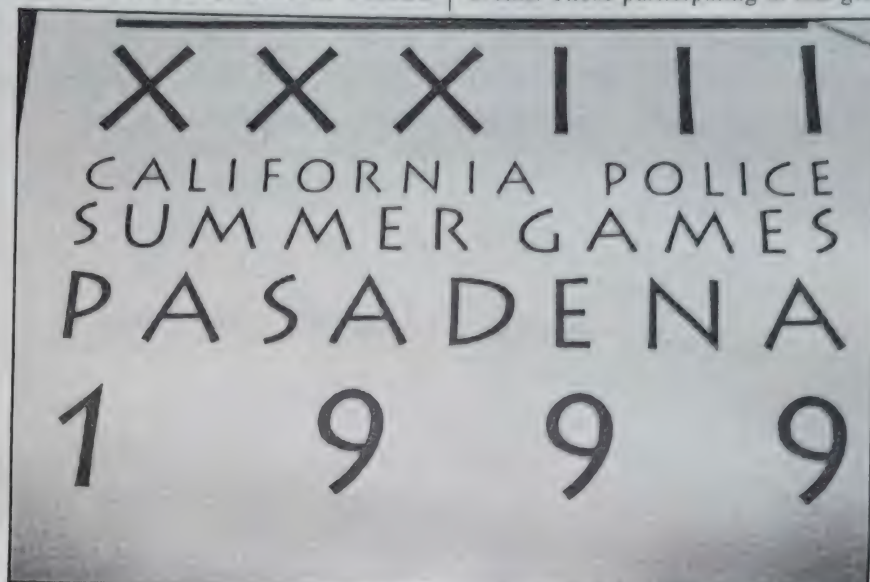


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(bronze), Luis Topete (bronze), and Kika Wheeling (bronze).

Upcoming tournaments include the Nevada Police Games to be held in August and the California Police/Fire Tournament to be held October 21-24 at the LaQuinta Racquet Club. A tournament for LAPD officers is currently in the planning stages. We are always looking for more players to join the team. Any level of player is welcomed. If you are interested in joining, contact either Officer Jim Lavenson (Venice Beach Detail), Lt. Tim Moss (WVAL) or Sgt. Edmund Russell (NHWD).

Shotguns Blaze at Summer Games

by Jimmy L. Trahin

Despite stiff competition at this year's California Police Summer Games, the LAPD Trap and Skeet Team managed to bring home some well deserved medals for the Department and LAPRAAC. The four-day marathon, which lasted from dawn to dusk, required 600 rounds to be fired in various trap, skeet, and sporting clays events. Those participating in this gru-

eling effort included "Jurassic" Joe Clary, Greg DeWitt, Vic Elliott, Annie "Oakley" Hennessey, Dave Herrick, Bill Page, and yours truly.

The team was able to capture a bronze in skeet as well as fifth place in 16-yard trap. What really stood out was the personal achievements of each shooter. Individual medalists include Page (gold in 16-yd trap), Herrick (silver in sporting clays, high overall in all sporting clays events, fourth in high overall skeet and fifth in skeet), DeWitt (gold in skeet), Hennessey (fourth in sporting clays), Clary (bronze in 21-yd. trap), and Trahin (silver in trap doubles and high overall trap).

Highlight of the shoot was presentation of a special award to Joe Clary by the Sacramento Sheriff's Department. An appreciation plaque was given to "Jurassic Joe" for his continual participation, support, and dedication to the California Games over the past three decades. At 81 years young, Clary is the oldest competitor to ever shoot in the games... and he still wins medals! This genuinely marks him as a "living legend" and our team is truly proud to have him shooting with us.

We are now in full practice mode for the Nevada Games in Las Vegas as we lived for our motto: If you love your shotgun it will love you.

Red Team Wins 2nd Straight Summer Games Softball Gold

For the second consecutive year the LAPD Red Softball Team traveled to the California Police Summer Games and brought home a gold medal in the Open Division.

The first round of elimination consisted of round-robin play featuring over 50 teams from throughout the state, with six teams in each bracket. The Red Team emerged undefeated in the two-day event, outscoring their opponents 107-12.

Advancing to the double-elimination playoff tournament on the third day, the Red Team eaked out an 11-10 win against the Sheriff's Cavemen. Then it happened: they lost their next game and were up against the wall; they had to sweep their next five games to make their way back to the championship game. One mistake, no matter how small, and the chances for a repeat were history.

But the Red Team rose to the task and were now faced with having to take two from the undefeated Baca's Boyz. In the first game the Red Team jumped out to an early lead, then had to hold onto their hats and ride out the bronco for a 21-19 win. It was now do or die for both teams.

The second game was a pull-out-all-the-stops seesaw battle that saw both sides take the lead throughout the game. When the dust settled after seven innings, the game was tied 18-18, and the sudden death game now boiled down to sudden death innings.

In the top of the eighth the Red Team sent two over the plate and took a 20-18 lead into the bottom of the inning. Baca's Boyz weren't ready to pack it up just yet. They quickly led off with two base hits and the mighty "mo" looked like it belonged to the players in green in tan. It wasn't meant to be, as some outstanding defensive play saved the day to give the Red Team its second straight California Police Summer Games gold medal.

The Red Team finished up 13-1 and outscored their opponents 213-95 in Summer Games play. Congratulations to the Red Team and its players: Leonard Avalos, Richard Bengston, Roy Brown, Todd Canali, John Edson, John Healey, Mike Lange, Jose Larraga, Steve Lozano, Jack Martin, Joe Miranda, Daunte Palacio, Todd Patino, Burt Srogatz, Kevin Underwood, Jose Viramontes and Jeff von Lutrow.

THE TEN RING

By Rick Bennett

Both the Police Pistol (PPC) and Action Pistol Teams took gold and silver in this year's California Police Summer Games. There were numerous individual medals upon which I will report in a future issue of the Blue Line.

POLICE PISTOL TEAM - GOLD MEDAL:

Bob Barnes (Training), Rick Bennett (Training), Lou Salseda (Training), Don Tsunawaki (Southeast).

POLICE PISTOL TEAM - SILVER MEDAL:

Steve Embrich (Training), Neil Goldberg (Training), Lisa Wernli (77th Street).

ACTION PISTOL TEAM - GOLD MEDAL:

Greg Duran (Central), Chris Hansen (Newton), Lou Salseda (Training), Mike Skajem (Training).

ACTION PISTOL TEAM - SILVER MEDAL:

Chris Christensen, Jeff Dugan, Tony Huerstel, Bill Parmalee (all from Training).

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There was one dual PPC Match to report, which was sponsored by the CAP.

HIGH MASTER CLASS

Lou Salseda	1495x100-2nd	1482x96
Rick Bennett	1490x90-3rd	1488x107
Bob Barnes	1484x87	1485x97
Don Tsunawaki	1483x86	1485x97

MASTER CLASS

Neil Goldberg	1490x89 - 2nd	1481x89 - 1st
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EXPERT CLASS

Lisa Wernli	1467x67 - 3rd	1452x61
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SHARPSHOOTER CLASS

Steve Embrich	1465x69 - 3rd	1467x66 - 1st
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MARKSMAN CLASS

Tom Male	1424x77	1440x71 - 2nd
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LAPD Motocross Team

by Rich Swisher, ATD,
LAPD Motocross Team Captain

June 22 & 23, 1999

The LAPD Motocross team, sponsored by BERT'S MOTORCYCLE MALL in Azusa, and LAPRAAC, once again hit the dirt for the department in the 1999 California Police Summer Games. Our team established itself as a new force to be reckoned with by tying the CHP for the most gold medals (6), crushing all in the silver medal category with 8 (next best was San Bernardino SD with 3) and ending up with 19 medals overall. SBSB captured a total of 20 medals for the highest total, but 7 of those were 5th place bronze. On a common point scale the score would be as follows: LAPD 71, SBSB 56, CHP 49, LASO 29. Leading our greedy charge for the precious metal was retiree Vic Curti. Vic got the gold in three classes and the silver in one. Another heavy medalist was Officer Mike Kilpatrick, WVAL. Mike busted the fastest classes for two golds, a silver and a bronze. Mike and Vic should also earn a purple heart for entering so many classes. Det. Carlos Sanchez, Gang Task Force, took home a gold and a silver medal, while Capt. Charlie Beck, SOE, and Officer Ken Koch, WTD, took home pairs of silver medals from their classes. Our last silver went to another retiree, Bruce Hoover, who tore it up in the over 50 class with Vic and took home a silver and bronze. Officer Rob Plourde, FTHL, Officer Dave Navarro, DARE, and Officer Erin Larsen of TRD all took home bronze medals in their hotly contested classes. All but very few of our

racers raced in classes above their riding abilities due to the odd rules of Summer Games MX, so these medalists had to push their bodies and bank accounts to their limits to bring these prizes home. Two of our racers, Officer Rich Swisher of ATD, and Angel Gomez of CENT, pushed themselves to the E.R. but are back to 110% and ready to race again. Other racers were Officers Paul Menchaca, HARB; Ryan Basaker, TBD; Sean Fiola, TBD; Stuart Lomax, FTHL; Mike Buchanan, FTHL; Jeff Coles, VNYS; and Sgt. Bill Duke, HWD.

In addition to the outstanding races that

that this unknown downed officer's well-being was more important than winning the race. Mike risked his own safety by whipping around and cutting through the infield to come to the fallen officer's aid. As everyone else continued on with the race, Mike stabilized the badly injured officer and ensured he would be out of harm's way until the paramedics' arrival. Mike's never-say-die attitude then pushed him back into the race. Only a first place in this moto could secure the gold medal for Mike, so we were sure Mike had given up a medal for a worthy cause. Mike wasn't so sure though. The

until the checkered flag waved. The injured officer was later air-lifted to a hospital. Mike's selfless actions and vicious



MOST of the LAPD Motocross Team.

all of our motocrossers put on, the LAPD team members showed the kind of genuinely compassionate and strong character that puts our department on top. A shining example of this came when Mike Kilpatrick, WVAL, was fighting for the lead in his quad race and observed another racer hit the dirt hard. Mike could tell that it was a serious crash and decided

announcer, the team and the spectators were proud to see Mike's fine display of sportsmanship in finishing out the race, but all were absolutely floored when on the second to last lap Mike blasted his machine back into the lead which he held



Mike Kilpatrick, WVAL, aboard his YZ 400F.

competitiveness exemplify the qualities of our Motocross team and all our LAPD brethren on the street. The next day I received a serious injury to my eye. A bunch of our teammates and their family members came to my aid, had me packed up and on the way to the emergency room in a matter of minutes. My family and I would like to thank all of our teammates for all of their help at the two-day event and our team would like to invite all that like getting dirty on two or four wheels to come join in the fun and fellowship next time!

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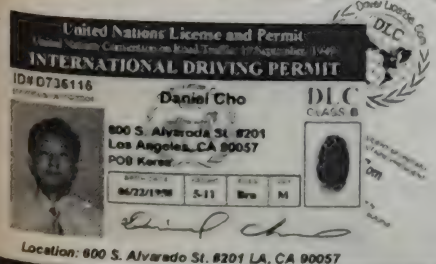
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SPORTS BEAT

Sports Beat is a regular feature of *The Thin Blue Line*. For information about submissions to Sports Beat, please call the Sports Beat Info Line at (323) 221-5222, ext 800.

West Valley Bests Newton to Win Red Davis Tournament

After a one-year absence the LAPD Slo-Pitch Championship returned to the San Fernando Valley when West Valley defeated Newton, 13-7, to win the Red Davis Tournament on June 10th. Coached by Paul Sciarillo, the Valley League champions eased through the tournament without a loss, ending the year with a 12-1 record to claim the LAPD crown.

Drawing a bye in the first round, the Vals had a tough time at the beginning but held on to outscore Metro, 12-10, and Hollywood, 13-10, to advance to the quarter-finals. West Valley knocked Central League co-winner Northeast #1 into the losers bracket by taking a 28-18 pitcher's duel, then did the same to Valley League bridesmaid Foothill, 13-9.

Meanwhile, Newton, an unexciting 5-4 in Central League play, worked its way to the championship game by winning two squeakers, beating Pacific, 7-6, and Hollenbeck, 12-11. They ended up on the other side of the next squeaker, losing to Northeast #1, 7-6, knocking them into the losers bracket. The Newts swept their next five games beating Hollywood, 17-13; Metro, 18-6; Van Nuys, 14-10; Northeast #1, 7-0 (forfeit due to an ineligible player); and Foothill, 9-7 to face a well-rested West Valley team in the championship game. But this year belonged to the Vals as they defeated Newton, 13-7, to win the Red David Tournament.

Foothill, which finished 5-3 in Valley League play, was the surprise team of the tournament. The Hillbillies came this close—finishing their way to the semi-final round only to be defeated by the West Valley juggernaut and dumped into the losers bracket (and subsequent loss to Newton).

Perennial champion and Central League co-leader Rampart, which had regained the trophy last year (after losing to Van Nuys in 1997) was knocked into the losers bracket in the first round. Although it won its next two games, Rampart's fate was sealed in the last game of the first day with a 6-4 loss to Central, winner of the North League title. Central won its opening game but then dropped into the losers bracket and was quickly eliminated.

South League leader Southeast also won its opening game before dropping into the losers bracket. However, it fought back valiantly to defeat Detective Services and Central before being elimi-

nated in a 24-21 slugfest against Northeast #1.

Red Davis Tournament Game-by-Game Results

Winners Bracket (defeated team to losers bracket)

FIRST ROUND - Transit 18, Devonshire 11; Detective Services 17, West Traffic 3; Van Nuys 21, South Traffic 2; 77th Street 14, West L.A. 10; Southwest 18, Northeast (#2) 3; Newton 7, Pacific 6; Hollywood 7, OSB CRASH 0 (forfeit); Metro 23, So. Bureau Homicide 3.

SECOND ROUND - Southeast 27, Transit 10; Foothill 10, Detective Services 8; Van Nuys 10, Rampart 8; Central 14, 77th Street 11; Northeast (#1) 4, Southwest 3; Newton 12, Hollenbeck 11; Hollywood 27, Harbor 10; West Valley 12, Metro 10.

THIRD ROUND - Foothill 18, Southeast 9; Van Nuys 8, Central 7; Northeast (#1) 7, Newton 6; West Valley 13, Hollywood 10.

QUARTER-FINAL ROUND - Foothill 13, Van Nuys 11; West Valley 28, Northeast (#1) 18.

SEMI-FINAL ROUND - West Valley 13, Foothill 9.

Losers Bracket (loser eliminated)

FIRST ROUND - Metro 14, Devonshire 3; Harbor 17, West Traffic 9; Hollenbeck 30, South Traffic 5; Southwest 20, West L.A. 9; 77th Street 13, Northeast (#2) 12; Rampart 13, Pacific 5; Detective Services 7, OSB CRASH 0 (forfeit); So. Bureau Homicide 13, Transit 9.

SECOND ROUND - Metro 19, Harbor 7; Southwest 15, Hollenbeck 14; Rampart 20, 77th Street 7; Detective Services 14, So. Bureau Homicide 5.

THIRD ROUND - Newton 17, Hollywood 13; Metro 12, Southwest 11; Central 6, Rampart 4; Southeast 9, Detective Services 5.

FOURTH ROUND - Newton 18, Metro 6; Southeast 19, Central 8.

FIFTH ROUND - Newton 14, Van Nuys 10; Northeast (#1) 24, Southeast 21.

SIXTH ROUND - Newton 7, Northeast (#1) 0 (forfeit - ineligible player).

SEVENTH ROUND - Newton 9, Foothill 7.

Championship Game

West Valley 13, Newton 7.

LAPD Wins Ice Hockey Title

by Marc Reina

The LAPD Blues hockey team defeated the Anaheim Heat, 6-3, to win the LEAF (Law Enforcement and Fire) League championship at the Disney Ice Complex. Outskating the previously unbeaten Heat, the Blues were led by Pacific's Marc Reina with three goals while John Meyers scored two goals (Hollenbeck's Kent Lau also tossed one in for good measure). Goaltender Jerry Velona was his usual outstanding self

their new open ice style of skating. This change allowed the team to increase its scoring opportunities and to stuff opponents with hard forechecking. Meyers led the team in scoring and was a major factor in the Blues' success.

Since separating from the Bullets' system, the team has been able to rebuild to championship caliber. Team captain Lori Real recruited outstanding talent, which, in combination with current players, proved effective this championship season. The Blues scored team high 85 goals to secure third place in regular league



Championship LAPD Blues Ice Hockey Team - (standing) Cliff Chu, Mark Bourdine, Scott Preston, Paul Segura, Lori Real, John Meyers, Scott Koegel; (kneeling) Hank Reimer, Mark Reina, Kim Kempton, Kevin Hartter, Mike Henderson, Steve Juarez; (reclining) Jerry Velona, Kent Lau. (Not Pictured) Mike Nagle, Larry Martinez, Robert Vargas, Bill Hart, Greg Horton, Scott Springer.

between the pipes, showing everyone the Blues are a team to be reckoned with. Also skating impressively in the playoffs were Mike Henderson and Kevin Hartter.

Throughout regular season play the Blues played strong, adapting well to

play with a record of 14-6-2. The Blues are looking to keep the momentum rolling by adding a second team next season. Anyone interested in playing for the LAPD Blues should contact Lori Real at West Traffic Division.

LAPRAAC SPORTS ROUNDUP

by Lew Snow

Cowboy Festival and Shooting Match Slated Sunday, Sept. 12, at Academy

The first-ever LAPD Western Benefit Match, featuring four action-packed stages at the world-famous Elysian Park Academy Range, will be held Sunday, September 12. Proceeds from the match benefit the LAPD Memorial Foundation.

Sponsored by LAPRAAC, the event not only includes the shooting match, but also plenty of entertainment for non-shooters. Planned are displays by the Metro Mounted and K-9 units, LAPD Historical Society, clowns, country-western vendors, a country-western band, and a sumptuous barbecue lunch (\$5 charge for lunch). Fee for shooters (limited to the first 75 to pay) is only \$20 and includes lunch plus a commemorative pin. All others are welcome to partake of the booths and entertainment free of charge!

For more information on what should be a day of fun in the sun, contact Mary "Law Lass" Hodges at (818) 832-3745, or the LAPRAAC Administrative Office at (323) 221-5222.

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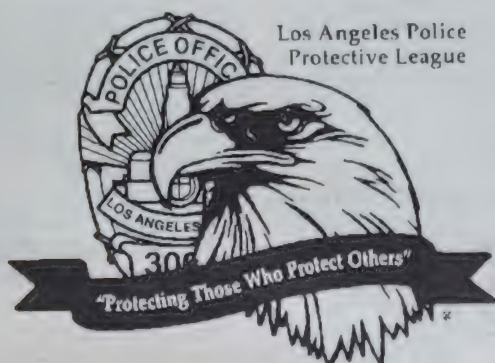
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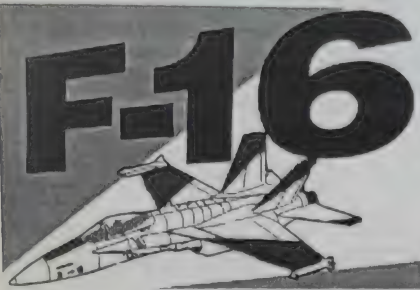
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DIVISIONAL REPORTER



by Julian Almaraz
Foothill Division

Foothill Patrol

On April 17, 1999, 1000 hours, Officers **Romanelli**, #31931, and **Chairez**, #34390, working day watch patrol, received information that an outstanding 288a P.C. (crime against child-sodomy/oral copulation) suspect was coaching a soccer team at a park in North Hollywood Division. These officers gathered appropriate information pertaining to the crime and responded to the location seeking the suspect. The officers located the suspect coaching a team at the park. The officers placed the suspect under arrest for his crimes against the children. In addition the officers received information that the suspect may have molested another child in Pacoima. The follow-up investigation revealed that the suspect did molest the 10-year-old child, which was unreported. The suspect was a coach for the United Nations Soccer League, teaching children from eight to ten years of age. The officers were diligent in their investigation, which will keep this suspect incarcerated for many years and put a stop to this horrid crime. "Outstanding job."

Foothill Detectives

I just returned from divisional investigation training given by the area detectives. At first I thought it was going to be another long day, but in fact all of us walked away with valuable information regarding crime scene investigation. We started off with D-2 **Lindy Gligorijevic**, #24983, homicide, who talked about everything related to 187 P.C. crime scene. It was a great class; we were learning and laughing. The second instructor was D-3 **Charles Uribe**, #17334, burglary. He talked about prints, reports and it was okay to walk around the neighborhood and ask questions, to obtain the best clues to help in the follow-up investigation. The third speaker was Lt. **Richard Papke**, #16448, area detective assist OIC. Lt. Papke talked about laws, P.C. arrest, search and seizure. It was a great class, and we all gained a lot of valuable information. We were encouraged to go back to the detective's tables to obtain information on wanted suspects.

I was talking to several detectives who started the lunch time joggers, who meet and run three times a week. These

officers give up their lunch and put on their jogging suits and run a 3.2-mile course in Whitman Airport. The jogging group are keeping themselves in great shape, losing weight and keeping them sharp to conduct their detective work. These officers invite everyone to join them during C-7 in front of the station.

Sport

Well, our bench press team gave an outstanding effort, and we came in second behind 77th Division. We had over 52 officers involved in our team, which was led by both Captain **Kenneth Garner**, Det. OIC, and Captain **Ronald Seban**, Area OIC. Gold medalists were **Julian Almaraz**, **Norm Dumais**, **Jorge Morales**, **Charles Uribe**, **Dena Kendrick**, **Corinne Malinka**, **Ellen Gable** and **Martin Chalupa**. Great job and team spirit.

Our softball team was involved in the Red Davis tournament, and we finished a strong 3rd place overall. Thanks to everyone who came out and played. We had a good season. Leading the team were Sgt.-II **Phil Smith**, **Robert Collier**, **Darrell Davis**, **Bobby Royal**, **Brian Pogue**, **Brian Strothers**, and **Tony Menete**.

Co-Ed Softball Team "Rockers." The team is made up of players from Foothill Division. The team was involved in the California Police Summer Games in Pasadena. We finished 2-2 and were eliminated on the second day. Thanks to all who played and helped the team. Our next event will be in August for the Nevada Police Games. If we win or lose I am still proud of all the players for their efforts. We shall recover and win more games in Las Vegas.

Team Player: P-3 **Hector (Marrache) Guzman**, #27598. During the California Police Summer Games we were at the Los Angeles Equestrian Center in Burbank practicing for the Gymkhana equestrian event "The Rescue Race." This event consists of two members, one on the ground and the other on horseback. Well during practice Hector had injured his hand when jumping on the back of the horse. Hector was in so much pain he needed M/T from medical staff working the event. Hector had his hand wrapped and took some aspirin for the pain. I explained to Hector we didn't need to do the event and to just go home. Hector refused and we waited for our run. Our names were called for the rescue race. Hector was at the other end of the arena approximately 50 yards and I was on my horse. I started on my horse at full speed toward Hector. Once at his location, as a team we locked our arms together. I pulled and Hector jumped on the rear of the horse. We continued back to the finish line in full speed in 14 seconds, winning the gold medal. After the race Hector was still in a lot of pain but never complained. What a trooper. That's a real team player.

VANNUYS Happenings

by Bob Rose
Van Nuys Division

I need to start on a serious note and report the passing of long-time Van Nuys Reserve Officer **Rocco (Rocky) Romano**. The service was held out in Simi Valley and the Department had a group with Commander **Watson** OIC. Our condolences to his fine family. Rocky put in some 30 years as a Reserve, and we all will miss him.

I need to add to the list of Van Nuys gold medal winners—**Francisco Ochoa**, **Kim Jones**, and **Linda Lowande** all played on the gold medal and undefeated co-ed softball team.



Dan Keyser, Milt Hernandez, Bruce Vermaat and Eric Reed - Van Nuys Area 1999 Torch Runners.

Van Nuys had another of those divisional training days. Behavioral science guys were the order of the day. The captain started things off by telling us how he really cares and was making an effort to make Van Nuys a better place to work. Hmmm, I guess we just don't know how good things are. Then a shrink from B.S.S. spoke about team concepts and alluded to the fact the overall morale was really low and the chief basically does not love us patrol types. Guess we don't

The Torch Run for the Special Olympics was run through Van Nuys by **Dan Keyser** (hope he didn't stop for a haircut), **Milt Hernandez**, **Eric Reade**, and **Bruce Vermaat**. Only Bruce kept on running away to TBD and Milt to DARE. We will miss those two in future running events. I think Dan ran to get a beer. (Oops, B.S.S. would not like that.) The event was well received by the community and all had a good time in addition to raising a whole lot of money for a



Van Nuys AM Watch sporting their favorite goodie. (Left to right): Rich Compton, Eric Morimoto, Greg Pletl, Walt Teague and Scott Sobel.

have it so good after all. Then another of those nerdy shrinks gave a lecture on police suicides. Okay, maybe it's not so bad after all. Then the final B.S.S. speaker gave us a talk on alcohol and drug abuse. Gosh, I don't know now, we can't even drink to make it all better.

Larry Koreen and his partner, **Jacob Young**, answered a domestic violence call where the suspect had beat his spouse about the head. First this clown charges the officers and is stopped with a beanbag, no, it did not stop him. A shotgun is deployed and the suspect figures he would like to take that shotgun away from the officers. Nice try. Larry finally was forced to settle the issue and the idiot will no longer be beating anyone, anytime, anywhere.

worthy cause.

Looking at the transfer, I noted onetime Van Nuys Sergeant **Adam Bercovici** finally made lieutenant. I'll shine my badge a little more for that one. We lost Lt. **Jill Niles** to West Valley and got **Willie Guerrero** for M.R.S. (Whatever that stands for). We also got to welcome three brand new sergeants in **Morales**, **Haberland**, and **Waschak**.

Long time Van Nuys copper **Bob Denton** is finally pulling the pin. Guess he can devote all of his time to water skiing. Bunch of others going out and coming in. Still too many to mention them all.

Dan Romero had an extended vacation (yeah, sure) and is now returned to duty. Hope he has learned about shiny side up on motorcycles!!

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by Mary Dacey
West L.A. Division

What do you know about the wrestling fans at WLA Station? Nothing? Well, stay tuned to excerpts from Karen's Korner in the upcoming issues of the *Blue Line*. Karen's Korner was initiated by its charter members at Junior's Deli in WLA on July 3, 1999. Charter members include Karen Shehorn, Sgt. Steve Margolis (now at Devonshire... Hi, Steve!), PSR Mary Dacey, Officer Robert Jaramillo, and PSR Deirdre Bonner. While eating lunch the topic of conversation turned to wrestling and we discovered that there were several more fans at WLA than we had realized and that the chance of attending wrestling events in the near future was a real possibility. Perhaps WLA could even start a junior league of its own. WLA wrestling fans also include Officer Ted Ferrouillet, Det. Al Behnke, Officer Jason Burcham and Ricki Brodie.

The Special Olympics Torch Run was held on June 11, 1999. WLA officers participated for the 10th consecutive year along with law enforcement officers throughout California. This year's runners included Becky Strong, Lisa Armas, Francisco Macias, Sgt. Yvonne Parker and Sgt. Doug Abney. Officers carried the torch 3.7 miles from the Beverly Hills Police Department, across West L.A. and over to the

Santa Monica Police Department where the torch was handed over. Jolly good show.

On Sunday, June 13, 1999, Sgt. Angela Chu and Buffy-the-wonder-dog (AKA Angela's AWC on AM Watch) participated in the L.A. Dog Jog and Walk which was held in "beautiful downtown Burbank, I mean



Runners (left to right): Parker, Macias, Strong, Abney & Armas.

Brentwood." The event was for a worthy cause to help raise funds for the local chapter of the Guide Dogs of America, dedicated to the breeding, raising and training of dogs for the le-



AWC Buffy the Wonder Dog & WC Sgt. Angela Chu

gally blind. GDA relies solely on private contributions as the dogs are provided to the blind at no charge. Sgt. Chu, with the help of WLA employees (fans of both Buffy and Angela) contributed to this event. The "dog jog" was a 2-mile run along with a 1-mile walk down San Vicente Blvd. Angela and Buffy joined over 400 canines and their best humans as they walked or jogged. Believe it or not, everyone was on their best behavior and Officers Richard Alcala and Walter Tatum (seen here with Angela and "the Buff") did not have to respond to any major 415 dog fights (whew, that's a relief...).



Walter Tatum, Angela Chu, Buffy and Rich Alcala.

Buffy declined participation in the "silly pet tricks" as she didn't want to show up the other dogs, including Opal, the K-9 narcotic detector and her trainer, Officer John Adler. This event was a huge success, evidenced by the large turnout and beautiful sunny weather. Buffy is thinking seriously

about training for the 2-mile run next year... good dog! Sgt. Chu said, "Buffy and I achieved the 3rd plane of consciousness. It was a very worthy paws-for-the-cause for the Guide Dogs of America."

In the words of Sgt. Doug Abney, "On June 25, 1999, detective and vice officers played patrol and CRASH in a grueling softball game at Veterans Stadium in WLA. The victors would claim "bragging rights" as the best softball team in West Bureau. Doug Abney, player/coach of the detectives, realized that some of his elderly players no longer had the stamina they once enjoyed and that the risk of injury while running to first base was worrisome. Rescue Ambulance 37 stood by to treat the injured." However, the detective team had the wisdom of years of experience and found it hard to believe that the younger officers on the other team would even stand a chance. It turned out that they were right! The Patrol/CRASH officers were leading in the 4th inning when patrol 3rd baseman it-had-to-be-Pauley "committed a costly error that allowed three runs to score. Detectives went on to win the low-scoring game 28 to 22. The crucial play proved to be the error by Pauley who later claimed the sun was in his eyes." (Yah, right... pull the other leg, it's got bells on it!) The winners included Brumagin, Fredrickson, Behnke, Childress, LeDuff, Lockett, Eum, Abney, Pardo and Mojarro. "On the very tough team were Khoury, Wilson, Carodine, the "goat" of the game Pauley, Arredondo, Collard, Saidenberg, Umansky, Hamelin and Thompson.

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DIVISIONAL REPORTER

Devonshire

Dateline

by Elaine Dewberry
Devonshire Division

In Sympathy

The entire Devonshire Family wishes to express our heartfelt condolences to Lt. **Jerry Nicholson** on the passing of his father and to Officer **Thomas Gandara** on the passing of his mother.

Pancakes in the House

S.O.L.I.D. will be holding an "All You Can Eat PANCAKE BREAKFAST" on Saturday, August 7, 1999, from 0730 hours until 1030 hours at the Devonshire Area Police Station. The cost is \$3.00 per person and tickets will be available at the door. Proceeds will be used to purchase "non-city supplied" equipment to enable our officers to better serve the area. A BIG THANK YOU TO S.O.L.I.D. for their combined support.

Weighty Subject

Thanks to the efforts of **Joe Curreri**, **Butler**, **Costi** and **Lequin** and Devonshire Community Supporters, the weight room has been re-created. The new "physical fitness" room has really impacted the local "Bally's." We're now working on a fully enclosed Olympic size swimming pool. Construction will begin just as soon as we can figure out where to park the Captain's vehicles.

Devonshire fielded its first team in years at the semi-annual Bench Press Competition hosted by LAPRAAC. Twenty-two team members competed and the team finished 4th overall. Great job!

DEVSTAT

The Devonshire Volunteer Surveillance Team Against Truancy is a cooperative effort between Devonshire Area, the Los Angeles Unified School District Police and the Devonshire Volunteer Surveillance Team, to reduce school truancy and daytime juvenile related crime. The team is coordinated by **Donald Gra-**

ham and **Brian Lafferty**. Over 200 arrests have been made since its inception in May. Due to higher education in our school system, the team detained a juvenile offender in the morning. He was

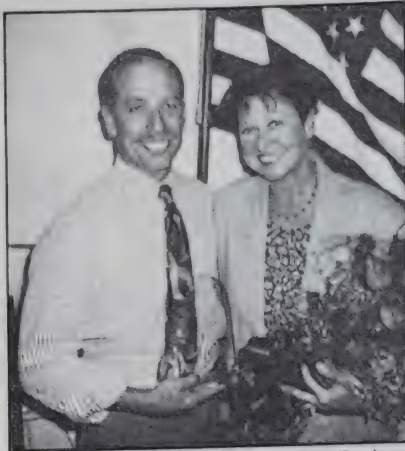


Photo by Elaine Dewberry
Joseph Curreri and his wife Cathye accept honors from Devonshire community groups: C-PAB, SOLID, PALS and VST.

cited and released. The juvenile was returned to school and was re-arrested for the same offense in the afternoon. Good job, guys!

Indy 500

Devonshire Area has been experiencing a continual street-racing problem in the area of Canoga Avenue and Plummer Street, between the hours of 2300 hours and 0200 hours. During a recent sweep in the area, 344 misdemeanor citations were issued, 3 DUI arrests, and 1 arrest for ADW on a P.O. The citations ranged from aiding and abetting a street race, DUI, ADW on a Police Officer and curfew. There were approximately 300 to 500 racers involved. The teams have been very effective in their efforts.

Promotions

We would like to extend our congratulations and best wishes to three of Devonshire's finest on their recent promotions. **Jeri Weinstein** has been promoted to lieutenant and will be riding the waves at Pacific. **Jack Lasko** has been promoted to sergeant and will be taking up residence in the Beverly Hills of LAPD, "WLA 90025." **Stephanie Moten** has been promoted to sergeant and will be a "movie star" in Hollywood. Thank you for all of your hard work and dedication. You will be missed.

Southern Tip

by Alley Cat
Harbor Division

Yes, oh yes, summer is here and the weather is fine. Hope everyone is having happy and hot days. The water playtoys should be out and in full use. Remember to be very careful with children and water.

Harbor is going through some very radical changes, retirements, firings, babies, and lots of transfers.

Sharon Rilling is retiring after 30 years of policewoman work. She and hubby, **Jerry**, also retired LAPD, are going to get rich from the double pension and travel the country. They will stay in the San Pedro area for now, but Sharon wants to go home to Kansas and visit with her mother. Time is growing short and as we get older you have to take advantage of what's left. Sharon has to be one of the last original policewomen left on LAPD. To those youngsters that don't have a clue about policewomen, check with the LAPD Historical Society and they can bring you up to date.

Sgt. Jerry Jelenic (older than dirt) has been in charge of community relations for some years. He had the brainstorm of bringing Sharon into CRO to assist with the daily functions. According to Jerry it was the best move he had made in some time. Sharon worked out so well the station fund finally had money in it. Sharon wouldn't budge with a dime for anything or anyone. Last year for the divisional picnic, Sharon and Jerry did come across a bundle of toys that we ended up giving to the officers' kids. Sharon, good luck in retirement and enjoy your new-found free time.

On June 4, 1999, LAPD hosted a weight lifting contest. Two of our detectives competed and placed: Det. **Herb Chang**, 148 lbs. and under, received a first place finish with a lift of 260 lbs.; Det. **Gabe Muñoz**, 148 to 165 lbs. class, finished 3rd with a lift of 265 lbs. Good job, guys. Keep up the iron pumping.

What a coincidence **Steve Haberfield** and **Paul Dean** are both 54 years old. The big difference is Steve is departing for retirement as of July 5th and Paul is trying to stay out of Patrol with only two

years on the job. Hey, Paul, try getting into the '90s with your automobiles. Those 1960 models were nice, but they have to run to get you to work. Don't worry, Paul, Patrol is nice this time of year in Harbor Division—cool breezes and swaying palm trees.

Congratulations go to young **Steve Muirhead** and Mrs. Carianne for a new baby girl, Saranne, born May 19th at 0130 hours. She is 7 pounds and 2 ounces and stretches in at a whopping 19-1/2 inches.

Honorable mention has to go to P-3 **Rick** (Harley Davidson) **Brown**. Rick, being the rodent cyclist for many years, forgot about a sharp turn on the S/B 605 Fwy. to the W/B 91 Fwy. He took a nice-looking panhead and laid it down, violently, into a ditch at the call box. When he woke up, a lone motorist, seeing the accident, stopped and ran over to render first aid. Rick sat up on his own power and the startled motorist stated, "Man, I thought you were dead." Rick looks good with his wrist cast and leg brace. He even commented that he might start building and driving old cars. To h--- with these motorcycles.

Call it as you see it, Lt. **Graves** has taken the big plunge into management. You got it, he made Captain and is headed for WLA. I'm sure WLA will call in a few months and give us an update on how our rookie captain is doing. By the way, Wally, thanks from all the detectives for the nice lunch.

Can anyone believe this one: **Phil Tingirides** is headed back to Harbor as a boot lieutenant. Will wonders ever cease within LAPD? Stand by PM Watch. Rampart is getting one of our illustrious youngsters. **Jeff Merlo** is giving up his 3+1 position to become a field sergeant. Good luck, Jeff. I know you studied hard to get out of here. Two sergeants couldn't handle Harbor anymore and bailed out. **S. Moody** to CP and **W. Railey** to Hollenbeck. Sorry guys but you're being replaced by only one sergeant, **Kara Silverstein**. We are also getting a D-2 from DHD—**F. Mannion**. **Juan Camacho** is getting out of dodge to become a P-3 at FCD. Two more studs, **Scott Engendal** and **T. Certeza** are coming on board. Old timer, **John Roach** has been assigned here forever, but physically here 3 months is going back downtown to DHD. Gunfighter **Steve Roussell** is leaving Harbor CRASH to become a dope cop at Narcotics Group. **G. Valdez** is bailing to TBD and **T. Uda** to Wilshire Division.

Okay, okay, enough is enough. I'm out of here. Take care and have a careful summer. Don't forget your sunscreen for you Day Watch slugs.

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HOLLYWOOD HAPPENINGS

by Floyd Toledo
Hollywood Division

In-Outs-N-Ups

Arriving and ready for the task of filling the biggest boots here at Hollywood is Capt. **Michael Downing**. He hails from Communications Division and is looking forward to leading the troops of L.A.'s finest division.

Coming from Club Dev is Patrol Sgt. **Stephanie Moten**. Going to Detectives are D-3 **Arthur Placencia** (WIL), D-1s **Diane Cazares** (DSD), and **Hosook Jo** (DSD). Then there's P-2s **Matthew Delao** (77th), **Crystal Hayes** (S/E), and **Mark Leon** (VNY). With P-1s **Erin Hibbaro** and **Kevin Suh**.

Leaving us are Sgt. **Dennis Quiles** (CP), Det. **Tim Marcia** (RHD), P-3 **Ed Espinoza** to WLA, P-2s **A. Andrade** to ND and **T. Rangasser** to TRD.

Honored by being assigned to the Caps Table and promoted to D-3 is **Randy Elzinga**. Also promoted and choosing to work Vice here is P-3 **Michael Snowden**.

Sports

Let's talk softball. Let's envision a team composed of the following talented players: See photo—top left to right: **Floyd Toledo**, **Doug Winger**, **Mike Rimkunas**, **Doug Humphrey**, **Mike Pelletier**, **Jery Janecek**, **Tom Chevolek**, **Doug Snowden**. Bottom

the pinnacle of greatness. (Coaches **Floyd Toledo** and **Tom Chevolek**.)

The Police Olympics were held in Pasadena this year between June 20-26. Numerous Hollywood Officers participated again this year. Here are some of Hollywood's highlights:

Det. **Kerri Brown** scored 2 gold medals for individual and team competition in golf. She covered the course with accurate shots and great technique.

In the over 35 softball category, Det. **Mike Pelletier's** team gained a bronze medal for their efforts. With hot bats and strong defense they smashed their opponents.

And in "old men softball," the LAPD #1 team, coached by Det. **Floyd Toledo**, defeated the LAPD #2 team, in a very close and hard-fought game of players over 45 years of age. In the end the team with the most "youth" in their legs prevailed and earned the gold.

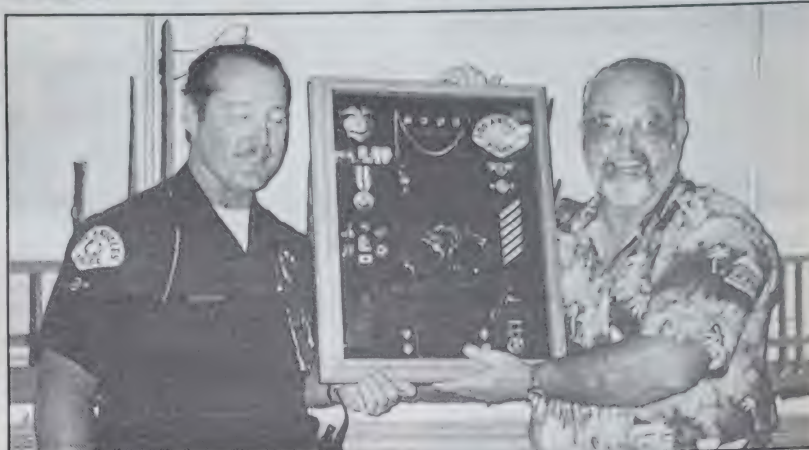
Always remember: When playing sports it's not whether you win or lose, but how you win that counts. Hey, are those medals really made out of gold?

Retirement of Policemen Dave Smith and Steve Keith

On June 18, 1999, the Vice Section, friends, family and peers said goodbye to two valued employees at a joint retirement luncheon: Policeman **Dave Smith** and Policeman **Steve Keith**. Combined, the officers have 60 years of law enforcement experience with the Department.

Policeman **Smith** was assigned as a probationer, September, 1969, to Hollywood Division. However, **Dave** never left Hollywood. He continued his career in Hollywood Division for the next 30 years. He worked as a patrolman, then was assigned as the first Prostitution Enforcement Footbeat Of-

Lt. **John Incontro**. Capt. **Sergio Diaz** presented **Dave** with a Policeman Badge Plaque for his 30 years at Hollywood Division. Officer **Victor Lucchesi**, **Dave's** partner, presented **Dave** with his Vice Mug, stating Ho Ho Ho's are us." **Dave** and his wife, **Arlene**, are planning to move to Flagstaff, Arizona, where **Dave** will be building a new home and **Arlene** will work as an elementary school teacher. **Dave's** quiet demeanor and his quick wit will truly be missed!



Motor Officer Victor Masi (left) and Policeman Steve Keith.

Policeman **Keith** worked a great portion of his career in Traffic Divisions, but spent 25 of those years as Valley Traffic Motor Officer before joining the Hollywood Vice Section. In August, 1997, **Steve** received a Meritorious Unit Citation for his contribution to Valley Traffic Division's achievement. After another motorcycle accident (possibly when the deer hit his motor), **Steve** began his light duty career, working the desk at Van Nuys. **Steve** was then summoned to begin his new ca-

reer, of two short years, in the Vice Unit in September, 1997, as the Alcoholic Beverage Control Coordinator. But the last few months **Steve** spent a great portion of his time (ya know, running his time) in Baja. Can't blame him! **Steve** and his wife, **Barbara**, are planning to permanently move and build a new home on their Baja property, where the weekend/vacation trailer is now placed. Motor Officer **Victor Masi**, **Steve's** academy classmate, pre-

sented **Steve** with his shadow box and Sgt. **Bill Eaton** presented **Steve** with a Vice Mug, stating "ABC Coordinator, Always in Baja, California." **Steve's** personable personality and computer card playing (just kidding) will also be missed!

A happy and healthy retirement to you both! Best of luck and a happy retirement to **Arlene** and **Barbara** as well. They will be spending 24 hours a day, seven days a week with their man!!

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left to right: **Jay Ealy**, **Mike Glenn**, **Gary Kaukua**, **Al Killion**, **Nate Baez**. Not pictured: **Isaac Reyes**, **Tim Tumbeiro**, **Barbara Scallon**, **J. C. Flores**, **Mike Ruiz**, **Kevin Cook**, **Jeff Sandwell**, **Sharrone Dill**, **Lloyd Parry** and **Joey Yanez**. See this team winning all their prior games and now ahead by 3

ficer. After an injury, causing him to take a light duty position, he spent the next 19 and a half years of service and commitment to the Vice Unit Support Officer. Because of his efforts in the processing and filing of prostitution and pimping cases, plus an introduction of a computer system that is utilized by



Policeman Dave Smith (left) and Lieutenant John Incontro (right).

runs going into the last inning against the dreaded West Valley team. How could our bats be kept silent? How could any team defeat our team with all its heart? Well, somewhere the sun is shining but there is no joy in Mudville, 'cause mighty Hollywood has struck out. Hey, so we didn't win it all. We thank each player for taking our team to

the Vice Officers in the identification of prostitutes and pimps, he received the Los Angeles City Employee of the Month award in October, 1998. The Vice Unit also recognized his patience, with continual new vice officers and supervisors, and his dedication to the unit received a Hollywood Walk of Fame Star that was presented to him by

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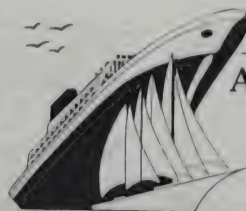
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DIVISIONAL REPORTER



by Susan Miller
Rampart Division

You had to know it was serious. Rampart Morning Watch showed up to roll call with their hats. It was the end of an era in Rampart. After 25 years of dedicated service to the citizens and the police officers of L.A., Sgt. **Mark Abrams** was retiring.

The troops were there in class "A" uniforms. Mark's wife, Mary Ann, was there. Retiring herself, she would say most of her goodbyes at Communications Division that night. Their son, Adam, was there with a friend. Lt. **Karle** had a few words to say. He talked about how reliable Mark has always been. Of course, Mark had to stand and speak as well. Pictures were taken. The watch fell out for inspection. More pic-

tures. There were handshakes and well wishes all around. Then it was back into the roll call room for refreshments. Communications Division put out an EOW broadcast for both Mark and Mary Ann. But finally it was over. Mark took his family on a ride-along and headed out into the night one last time.

Thinking it over on my way home that night, I had to wonder how he felt. Mark has always been a "cop's cop." A felony cop. A reliable cop. When I got to Rampart in '91, he was already a legend. He was still a P-III then. With Mark it was never about talk or show. He just got things done. Night after night he was out there, shakin' the bushes for bad guys. It didn't matter if it was a dispute, a perimeter, a crime scene, or a domestic violence call, he would take care of his area and take care of business. He was someone to count on if you needed a hand. Or a lesson in throwing darts.

He was also a car thief's worst enemy. Not only could he spot a "g-ride" at a mile off, he could chase one forever. And when he did, he was careful, accurate, and in control. As a P-III he was definitely someone to emulate and learn from. For the many fortunate P-Is he trained, as well as the younger cops

on his watch, he was a role model and a teacher.

Chasing bad guys and throwing darts were not his only talents, however. Pool was important too. And on the racquetball court, many have tried, but few have beat him.

As a sergeant, he was much the same. Still quiet, still reliable, still a leader. After getting his third stripe in West L.A., he returned to Rampart. He quickly earned the respect of those who had not known P-III Abrams. Those who had were just happy to see him back home. As a supervisor, he understood that his job was to support the people doing the work. He lectured endlessly on the subject of tactics. He was the sergeant the troops called when they really needed a sergeant.

But things change. And with 25 years on and concerns about Mary Ann's health, Mark made the decision to pull the pin. Now it's time to travel, fish, relax, fish some more, and generally enjoy the fruits of those long years of hard work. They've both earned it. We at Rampart hope they enjoy it. But as the saying goes, parting is such sweet sorrow... and it just won't be quite the same at Rampart without Mark Abrams.

Mark, it's been a pleasure to know you and an honor to work with you. We wish you and yours all the best. Enjoy yourself, watch your roadline out there,

and think of us now and then. 'cause we're gonna miss you, buddy.

Climbers

Congratulations are due to new sergeants **Richard Morales** and **Mark Archuleta**. **Christine Perkins** and **Dave Peteque** are the new P-3-I (SLO)s. Rampart's new P-3's are **Todd Cataldi**, **James Muniz**, **Howard Ng**, **Norma Peteque**, **Robert Ward**, **John Wolfe**, **Mike Jones**, **Luis Contreras**, **Claudia Sapien** and **Kristine Klotz**. Good luck in your new assignments.

Fresh Meat!

Rampart welcomes Lt. **T. Lomedico** and Sgt. **C. Gavin** from WVAL, Sgt. **J. Merlo** from HARB, Sgt. **K. Matthews** from S/E, Sgt. **M. Daly** from S/W, Det (2) **R. Whittington** from WIL, P-3 **M. Lemons** from VNYS, P-2 **B. Aguilar** from NHWD, P-2 **M. Friesenhahn** from VTD, P-2 **J. Verner** from WIL and P-I **T. Smith**.

C-Ya!

Rampart regrets to announce the departure of Lt. **Fabian Lizarraga** to LAS, Sgt. **Richard Morales** to VNYS, Sgt. **Mark Archuleta** to FTHL, Sgt. **David Watson** to MSD, Sgt. **Roy Gardner** to S/E, P-3 **James Wirth** to DEV, P-2 **Arman Jose** to CED, P-2 **Jeffrey Mulheim** to VTD, P-2 **Emanuel Sanchez** to WIL, and P-2 **Young Pak** to WLA. You will be missed.



by Gail Ryan
Newton Division

July 3rd saw the retirement of three Newton officers: Capt. **John P. Mutz**, Lt. **Dan Hills**, and Det. **Jerry Johnson**, followed by Lt. **Willie Wilson**'s retirement at the end of July.

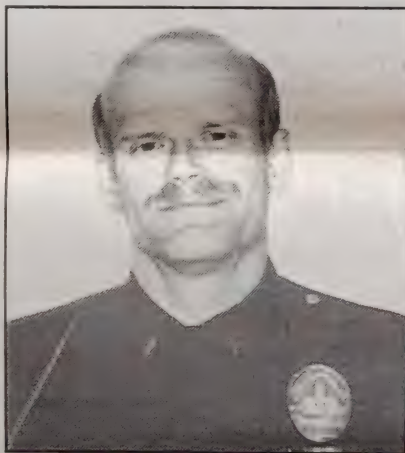


Det-2 Jerry Johnson #15200, Ret. 7/3/99, 30 years service.

And, congratulations to Newton's baseball team for placing second in the Red Davis slo-pitch games. The team received a \$125 prize which they spent buying a new TV for the lunchroom for all Newton officers to enjoy.

And, a special recognition to Newton Reserve Officer **Steve Bertolino** for his continuing efforts in bringing some happiness into the lives of critically ill children. Bertolino, who has battled cancer twice, now devotes his time to helping children at Children's hospital fulfill their final wish. On June 11th, Bertolino fulfilled the wish of 4-year-old **Silvia Cortez**. He took her on a tour of Newton Division including a ride in a black and white, followed by a trip to the police horse stables at Griffith Park. It was at the stables that Silvia's wish was granted when she was given a ride on a police

horse. Her only other wish had been granted two months prior when she got a wig. Silvia, who has had cancer since she was 17 months old, never knew what it was to have hair and



Lt-2 Dan Hills #17826, Ret. 7/3/99, 26 years.

wanted long curls. She got her wish in a long, curly wig, followed by a ride on a police horse named "Dillon" as part of the LAPD's Cop for a Day program that Bertolino helped establish. Bertolino was quoted as saying of the program, "As long as God gives me life, this is how I'm going to spend it—helping ill children achieve their wishes." Silvia's wish was featured in the *L.A. Times* and the evening news.

On May 30th, Newton officers responded to a radio call regarding a possible kidnap of a nine-year-old boy from a laundromat at 52nd and Main Streets. Upon arrival at the location, Officers **Argomaniz** and **Bluestein** confirmed that a suspect had lured the young victim into a taxicab and then drove away. A command post was immediately established, a thorough check of all taxicab companies was initiated and information was forwarded to the command post. As a result of all these efforts, Officers **Jaye** and **Schwab** detained a taxicab, conducted an in-depth interview of a driver, and obtained information on the location of where the victim was dropped off. After developing a plan of action, the officers responded to the scene, found the victim and suspect. Great going, guys.

On May 6th, a Jefferson High baseball player was at Ross Snyder

Park preparing for a junior varsity game when a suspect with a tattoo of "38" on his chest approached. The suspect entered the dugout, grabbed the player's bike and rode off against the victim's protest. Newton Area Robbery Suppression Detail, aware of the 38th St. Gang member's crime, located the suspect and arrested him. Aware that



Newton 1999 Slo-Pitch Team, 2nd place Red Davis Games (left to right). Back Row: Aaron Ponce, Roger Argomaniz, Greg Bruce, Brian Hagerty, Doug Kirkland, Reggie Gay, Billy Blount, Emilio Angulo, Inge Bowman, Bobby Hill. Front Row: Mike Reyes, Frank Trevino, Steve Carrillo, Mike Lange, Rich Rico. Not Shown: Chris Montoya.

homicide was looking for a 38th St. Gang member for a drive-by, detectives interviewed the suspect who denied the crime. After detectives left the jail, the suspect told his cellmate that he was the "one." The cellmate informed the jailer who in turn notified homicide. Which goes to prove there is no loyalty amongst crooks.

Lately there has been a connection between crime in West Covina and the crooks living in Newton Division. On Easter Sunday, 38th Street Gang members drove to Covina and West Covina and stole several Chevy pickups, bringing them back to Newton Division and stripping them before one of the gang members was caught in the act. Then on May 19th, Newton Robbery Detectives were advised of a robbery that had occurred in the city of West Covina by Newton gang members. Officers **Talamantez** and **Marshal** on May 3rd, aware of the bank robbery, observed the suspect

at a Mobil gas station on Florence and Broadway. The officers were able to take him into custody without incident and turn him over to West Covina PD. Though the two areas are over 30 miles apart, it doesn't seem to bother our criminals to travel that far to commit crime. So heads up officers when traveling the 10 or 60 Freeways.

The car next to you might contain a Newton gang member on his way home from a crime spree or on his way to one.

On May 24th, Officers **Huynh** and **Gilmer** responded to a "robbery in progress" radio call at 306 W. Slauson. Upon arrival at the location, several victims and witnesses directed the officers in a westerly direction that the suspects took. With two additional units, the officers completed a grid search, locating the suspects. Following a brief foot pursuit, all three suspects were taken into custody and positively identified.

And, in another Newton robbery, a female victim at Broadway and Gage flagged Officers **Wunder** and **Huett** down. Working with information the victim had given them, the officers had located and taken the suspect into custody within minutes at Broadway and Florence. Nice going, guys. May was robbery month.

WEST WINGS & ARROWS

by Jorge F. Torres
West Traffic Division

I have been asked to carry on the legacy left behind by Roy Langheld.



Thomas Gracey, Michele Nelson, Chris Smythe, Blanca Avila and Nicolle Bles at the Memorial Golf Tournament.

After 30 marvelous years with our department, Roy has decided to proceed to greater and nobler endeavors. We wish Roy and his family lots of success in his new life.

Much as happened since Roy scratched out his last column. In the next few issues I'll race to catch up!

In May, Officers **Denise Nelson** and **Allan Rabina** responded to a T/C in-

ing golf balls while exchanging information.

In May, WTD teamed up with Allstate Insurance and participated in "ABC" America Buckles up Children. Extra effort was made to ensure the message was presented to the community about the need for and proper use of child safety seats. Officers **Beighley** and **Winston** conducted various checkpoints around West Bureau. Defective car seats were confiscated and were replaced with new ones graciously donated by Allstate. (Way to go, Allstate!)

WTD "SCUD" Save Communities from Unsafe Drivers is an ongoing re-

serve officer program which targets traffic-related issues in West Los Angeles, Hollywood, Pacific, and Wilshire Areas. The program is coordinated by Officer **Joanna Anthony**.

In June, SCUD got together and patrolled the Hollywood and Wilshire Areas for inoperative and illegal lighting. The operation was a "brilliant" success that made an impact in those areas.

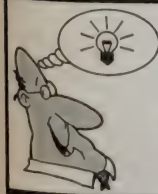


Officer JoAnne Anthony, Steve Foster and Michael Marsolek at the Memorial Golf Tournament.

volving a possible DUI at the Wilshire Country Club. Their investigation revealed that an 81-year-old lady accidentally drove into the lake of the golf course, but she was not DUI. (Go Granny, go!). Fortunately, the lady was not injured. It was unknown if Denise or Allan were able to recover any miss-

WTD is now nestled in its new facility adjacent to Wilshire Station. Operation West Bureau became envious and asked if they could share the building with us. We felt sorry for OWB so we allowed them to have a corner on the second floor.

We'll see ya next time!



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B.A.D. News

by Lou Koven
Burglary-Auto Theft Division

Sports Update

Congratulations to Detectives **Steve Howe** (CATS) and **Richard Householder** (BSS) on their gold medal at the Police Summer Games. Steve and Rich won first place in the Men's Racquetball Doubles, Senior "A" Division, which took place in Claremont.

Happy Birthday Wishes

This month's birthday babies are **Scott Davis**, 8/10; **Ken Scott**, 8/19; and **Paul** (I'll be back) **Makarenko**, 8/20. We hope that all your birthday wishes come true.

Get Well Wishes

This month we add another unfortunate's soul to the IOD list at BAD. BAD CATS' kitten, Det.-II **Yvette Moreno**, was injured while loading a stolen engine onto a tow truck at a "chop shop." It seems that when Yvette fell and injured her right arm and shoulder her husband, Det. **Sam Moreno**, was also off on sick leave with an injured foot from a soccer game. Between the two of them they only had three good feet and arms. This is especially tough when you have to care for four children at home. I understand Sam is back at work and hopefully so will Yvette be by the time this article comes out.

Det.-III **Jim Battle** is still off nursing his back problems, but recent reports are that he is up and around and getting better.

Dave Anderson Retirement Classic

A retirement golf classic was held on July 16, 1999, at the Simi Valley Golf Course to celebrate the retirement of Det.-III **Charles "Dave" Anderson**. Details and photos will follow in next month's article.

Also Known As (AKA)

So often at work things we do are associated with nicknames. This month we



Yvette Moreno.

are proud to announce a new nickname that will stay with this person in perpetuity. Det. **Luke Magee** (TRAP) will be known as "Whalebone" from now probably until he retires. The story goes that Luke, while acting in an undercover capacity, referred to the rear spoiler on a turbo Porsche as a "whalebone." This occurred while Luke was speaking to an RSP suspect. The part is commonly referred to as a "whale's tail." Luke was on a wire and all was recorded and everyone in the Central TRAP was made aware of Luke's faux pas. Luke has now affectionately been renamed "Whalebone."

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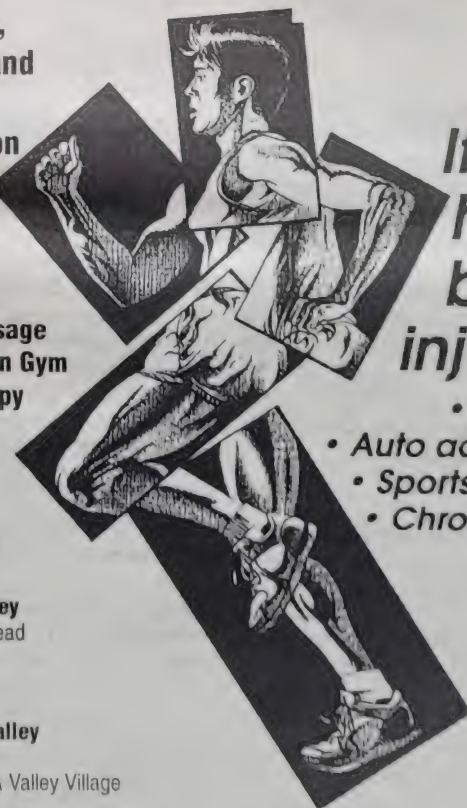
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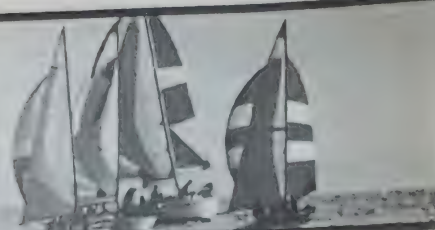
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RETIREMENT NEWS



The Retirement News is a regular feature of The Thin Blue Line. Retirees may submit articles for publication. Deadline for submission is the 6th of the month for the following month's issue date.

Old Blue Running Team

By Neil Parker

Will the Real M.M. Please Stand Up?

Who? The real M.M.? Oh, you mean Marilyn. No, not her? Oh, okay, you mean Mantle, right? Not him, either? Then who? Why, of course, the kid from Disneyland. The M.M. of them all. Not him, either? Nonsense. It's gotta be him. Look at this picture I got right here; just look at his hands. That's him, check it out. Who else always wears gloves? In fact, who else always wears gloves that have only four fingers? That's him right here in this picture... uh, isn't it? I mean the really big smile, the outstretched arms, the perpetually gloved hands and the missing digits. You're right, that's a picture of an Old Blue runner, not the ambassador of Disneyland. It's none other than the pride of Las Vegas, the other famous M.M., Mario Mascolo. He is a big asset to the team and doesn't have a tail or a pair of those famous big ears. Mario is shown in the vicinity of Pahump, Nevada at about 8:30 p.m. absolutely chilling the tough 12th leg with a cool 41:27 (no pun intended). I can't figure out how he runs so fast in those boots of his, but if you're M.M. you can run in anything you want, 'cause you're the real... Stand Up Guy!

Hey all you runners out there! Old Blue begins our last Sunday of the month qualifiers at Griffith Park behind the Ranger Station starting September 26, 1999 at 8:00 a.m. sharp, rain or shine.

Another Son of the Emerald Isle, who ran in the first Death Valley races (WHERE??) has tentatively promised me that he will do his shamrock best to

be there and help out with timing, water, etc. He is a retired Newton, Metro, Ad Narc w/c and lives just a mile down the road from us. He's knocking on my door every other morning, early, wanting to know if Neil can go on a little 20-mile bike ride with him. Hey partner, relax, this is senior world. Then he drags me to the million dollar plus, space-age plus gym where all of our senior neighbors are diligently working out, and I mean they ain't missing a beat, pal. I know that most of the ladies haven't been in the Army or Navy so they must be getting ready for the next war or whatever but they're ready. Bet on 'em. They're so fit that I don't think they'll be able to find anyone who will want to work in a defense plant next time around. The Lead Instructor is Mrs. Tarzan. She can do anything that he can do and, of course, looks a whole lot better doing it and makes it sound oh so easy, just nothing to it you understand. We get caught leaving early for the six, you read it right, six dollar a round 18 hole golf course and had to stay after school and do a few extra rounds around the gym. Does all of this sound somewhat familiar to you? Was that in a different

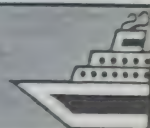


life or do all instructors take Instructor I-A from the same school? We kept looking for an Aronson or Howe, or Knouse, or Posner, or Bean, or Farrell or Burke or one of those guys that ultimately saved our backside because of the expertise that they shared with us. Of course, a big Old Blue "thank you" especially to all of the P.T. instructors who, for all we know, ignited that little spark of drive, determination and can do into the roaring conflagration that is the LAPD sports world of today. Sure a whole load better, smarter and healthier than hangovers, headaches and days off from a jug of Old Overcoat out in the parking lot.

To carry things one step further, the First Annual Flo-Jo Memorial half-

marathon and 5K senior-junior relay cam cruising right past my window a few mornings ago. Seemed funny watching instead of being out there among the 2,100 entrants. Of course, you know who is no longer parading around in his three-year-old Marathon t-shirts anymore. Especially since my Hibernian buddy always is looking to see if he can find a few old muscle sprains, sore backs or hernias that might be lying around at the geriatric gym that no one has claimed yet. Don't forget your sunscreen, eat right, drive safe and stay in decent shape. For more info, call Capt. Chuck McTaggart, (661) 799-9861 or Ray Romero at (702) 363-9397.

Retirement Corner



August, 1999

Rank/Name/Serial No./Last Assigned To	#Years
P-II Ted Dukeslaw 12520 DHD	33
P-II Harold Schwabe 13041 DHD	31
P-II Gerald A. Beaumont 13334 DHD	31
P-III Lawrence R. Monterastelli 13934 VTD	27
D-II Ruperto B. Sanchez 13953 Narcotics	31
D-II Michael W. Keller 14137 Narcotics	31
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LT-II+2 Keith D. Johnson 14221 Air Support	31
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P-II Tommy E. Gallardo 14374 DHD	30
P-II+2 George R. Lafferty 14387 Air Support	30
LT-II Harold "Skip" Tucker 14413 Narcotics	30
P-III Michael H. Hillhouse 14457 STD	30
P-III David Anderson 14517 BAD	30
P-II Paul Heggemeier 14637 DHD	30
SGT-II+3 Eugene "Dick" Eyster 14982 Air Support	30
P-III James R. Noll 15001 West Valley	30
D-III Sam Catalfamo 15019 Personnel	30
SGT-II Peter G. Grupp 15039 Personnel	30
P-II+6 Robert J. Baker 15096 Air Support	30
P-III Kenneth J. Brady 15105 WTD	30
P-III Leonard "Lenny" Muñoz 15295 Personnel	30
D-II Dale O. Turnley, Sr. 15393 Bunco Forgery	30
C-III Constance M. Dial 15412 Hollywood	26
D-II Billy Greenwell 15700 Narcotics	29
D-III James B. Vojtecky 15809 Foothill	27
P-II Dean M. Cain 15821 DHD	29
P-II Daniel J. Thornton 16386 Hollywood	28
P-III-1 John K. Erickson 16492 West Valley	28
D-II William C. Ellis 16581 Harbor	26
D-II Jon M. Dial 16674 DHD	28
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P-III James E. Shiver 17191 Northeast	27
P-II George Sharp 17245 DHD	26
D-III Craig M. Peters 17319 Narcotics	27
P-III Robert L. Hunter 17828 WTD	26
D-II Robert A. Sievert 17845 Southwest	26
SGT-II Gregory G. Horton 17905 TRSG	26
P-III Richard S. Bargas 20324 DARE	20
P-II Norma Campbell 20521 DHD	25
P-III+1 James D. Williamson 20592 West Valley	25
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August 5	Richard Bargas	1500	
August 6	Raul Galindo	1800	1900
August 11	Jack Erickson & Jim Williamson & James Noll	1800	
August 12	Sam Masuda	1700	1800
August 12	S.A.B.L.A.	1100	
August 13	Stan Chavez	1800	1900
August 13	Keith Johnson, E.R. Eyster, Ira Putnam, Bob Baker, Larry Clark, George Lafferty, Bruce Nelson	1700	1900
August 18	Valley Retired Blues	1030	
August 20	Lenny Munoz	1700	1830
August 20	John Hunter	1800	1900
August 20	Rocky Granado	1730	1830
August 20	Robert Abrams & Mark Abrams	1700	1800
August 22	Cops for Tots Auto Show	0800	1600
August 22	Downed Officer Support Ride	0800	
August 25	Billy Greenwell	1600	1700
August 25	Bob Gale	1700	1800
August 28	Inland Northwest Steak Fry	1400	1730

September

Sept. 1	Craig Peters & Skip Tucker & Mike Keller	1600	1700
Sept. 3	Ronald Brown	1100	1200
Sept. 9	S.A.B.L.A.	1100	
Sept. 10	Dale Turnley	1730	1830
Sept. 10	Bobby Sanchez	1800	1900
Sept. 11	Paul Witzlib	1130	
Sept. 16	Mike Buttitta	1700	1800
Sept. 25	S.A.B.L.A. BBQ @ Kiser's Vineyard		
Sept. 26	LAPPL Raging Waters Picnic	1000	

Coachella Valley Blue Line And Golf Club

by Ron and Elayne Gray

If you're looking for a "warm" welcome and friendly people, the Coachella Valley Blue Line and Golf Club is the place to find it. One hundred plus degree temperatures greeted our golfers when we teed off on Friday, June 25th, at the beautiful Desert Falls Country Club in Palm Desert. The tournament hosts were **Jack and Helen Rabinowitz** to whom we extend a hearty "thank you."

The golf course is beautiful and challenging and humbled most of us.

After golf, we adjourned to the clubhouse where a scrumptious buffet offered prime rib and chicken and all the trimmings.

Master of Ceremonies (and co-founder) **Al Fried** introduced four "first-timers": **Bill Biddle, Bill Dumbauld, Dick Lanphere and Don Vincent**. Al then announced the golf winners of the day:

Fifth Place: **Frank Dade, Elayne Gray, Ron Gray, Joe Van Fleet**; Fourth Place: **Larry DeLosh, Jeff Fedrizzi, Steve Kijula, John Rockwood**; Third place: **Bill Costleigh, Natalie Costleigh, Harry Kelly, Michelle Kelly**; Second Place: **Fred Austin, Ken Bowden, Marv Cooper, Gary Kreger**; First Place: **Bill Dumbauld, Aaron Montaño, Lyn Montaño**, and that phantom golfer who shows up at a lot of golf tournaments.

Special prizes were awarded for: Closest to the pin (ladies): **Lyn Mon-**

taño; Closest to the pin (men): **Marv Cooper**; Longest Drive (ladies): **Lyn Montaño**; Longest Drive (men): **Ken Bowden**.

Door prizes were won by **Ron Gray** and either **Al Fried** or **Quint Villanueva** (they're probably still fighting over that driver).

Aaron and Lyn Montaño (did I mention her yet?) provided each guest with a unique golf bag tag which they designed. It displays the badge, a roadrunner, and the 19th hole. A truly one-of-a-kind bag tag.

Yes, we were kind of rowdy, slightly rambunctious, and somewhat raucous, but we had a wonderful time and we'd love to have you join us. Whether you're a full-time "desert rat," a part-time "snow bird," or just occasionally drive up and down the I-10 freeway, drop a note to **Al Fried** or **Sandi Palmer** and get your name on our mailing list. Al's E-mail address is friedal@webtv.net and his fax number is (818) 957-6940. Sandi can be reached by E-mail at CVBlueLine@aol.com. The desert is the best place in the world to escape that "June Gloom" and find out what wonders our climate can work on your attitude, not to mention your arthritis.

Our next tournament will be held in October and will be hosted by **Jeff Fedrizzi** and **Steve Kijula** at Sun Lakes Country Club in Banning. Whether you golf or not, come join us at the 19th hole.

More Retirement News on next page

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RETIRED

RETIREMENT NEWS

Valley Retired Blues

by Clinton O. Erickson

Our next luncheon meeting will be on August 18, 1999, at "The Lamplighter" Restaurant located on the corner of DeSoto Avenue and Nordhoff Street. There is no set start time so you may arrive anytime after 10:30 a.m. We meet in the room adjacent to the bar lounge. A special lunch menu is available.

We had 32 at the June 16, 1999 meeting. The attendees were **Don Barnett** (7433), **John Becker** (5059), **Floyd Couch** (2862), **Ted Debs** (6808), **Gene Dillon** (3411), **Emmett Drennen** (3279), **Hilliard (Curly) Elliott** (4534), **Ray Elmer** (5607), **Clinton Erickson** (5608), **John** (5918), and **Lois Evans**, **Bill Feddersen** (4823), **Bob** (4583) and **Martha Fritz**, **Mel Harner** (4501), **Morrie Henkin** (5247), **Glen Kailey** (3503), **Don Lyon** (6575), **Bob May** (3747), **Boris Meneghelli** (3522), **Ray Palaszewski** (6934), **Darrell Porterfield** (12789), (First time attendee), **Dale Rickards** (3593), **Jim Riley** (2457), **Duane (Whitey) Ryburn** (3981), **Guy Schlotzauer** (2804), **Forest Sloan** (6713), **Charlotte Stevenson**, **Stu Stremsterfer** (4394), **Richard Weaver** (11181), **Earl Wells** (6297), and **Richard Young** (10585).

Leonard Reafleng (5666) had surgery (June 15, 1999) to remove right ankle portion of his leg due to complications of

diabetes. Leonard passed away from complications on June 30 at Kaiser Hospital, Panorama City. Leonard had been a regular attendee at our meetings, but due to his foot problems had not attended any meeting this year. He will be missed by his many friends.

Curly Elliott, his wife, daughter, and son-in-law just came back from two weeks of touring Germany. Remembrances of World War II came flooding back as he viewed bombed out buildings that stand as powerful monuments to the futility of war; stood at the site where Hitler burned tens of thousands of books, and visited Checkpoint Charlie. Curly made certain that he "sampled" the local culture. Charlene reports that he tasted local beer, wine, cheeses and worst throughout the various regions of the country. He tried to walk off the culinary and liquid delights by visiting historic castles, fabulous museums, and the beautiful countryside.

The annual BBQ at Dale Rickard's Ranch in Malibu will be on Sunday, October 24, 1999, the Sunday before Pacific Daylight Time ends. Details will be in the September and October columns in the *Blue Line*.

If you need any information about meetings (always the third Wednesday of each month), call me (Erickson) at (818) 340-2430.

The Central Coast Fuzz That Wuzz

by Dave Aikins

Greetings from all of us "Fuzz Guys and Gals" as we enjoy the summer in some of the most beautiful places in California. Summer is in full swing and activities abound from Solvang to Cambria. Retirement can be where dreams are born, planned and fulfilled, so take a few risks and work on doing the things you always thought about doing when you finally had the time. It is always amazing how many interesting people you come in contact with when engaging in new endeavors that are enjoyable and fulfilling.

Speaking of dreaming, our fearless leader, **Brian Galbraith** dreamed up a nice place for the entire Fuzz group to have a super function last June. Brian trotted (he is a runner, but actually drove this time) up to Atascadero, in the northern part of San Luis Obispo County and set up a great luncheon for all of us.

Atascadero is the second largest city in San Luis Obispo County and sports a whopping population of about 25,000 people. The most populated city is San Luis Obispo itself, with around 42,000 souls. The word Atascadero means "mud hole" in Spanish, but undaunted, our Fuzz group arrived for some fun on this festive occasion. We met at a beautiful pavilion located on Lake Atascadero (definitely not a mud hole), adjacent to the Charles Paddock Zoo. While most of us headed straight for the food and camaraderie of our fellow LAPD faithful,

some meandered over to the local zoo. Quote of the day came from **Sam Lopez**, who upon existing the zoo with his wife, **Paulette**, exclaimed, "Hey, great tiger, they have in there." Actually, the large cat's name is Riau and is a 16-year-old feline beauty from Sumatra. I don't think Taffy, my golden retriever, would want to mess with this little kitty.

While some of us may have been thinking of tigers, most of us were eyeing the venison creation that was prepared by **Gerd Konieczny** as a special treat. It was awesome. Gerd was celebrating his 40th year as a U.S. citizen and we were glad to be there with him. He raises the adorable little animals with his wife, **Nancy**, on their 125-acre ranch in San Miguel. They have developed quite a business selling venison. Gerd prepared the morsels so well that we were all hanging around him for seconds and thirds. Thanks for the wonderful treat, Gerd.

Those attending the event included **John Bradbury**, **Josanne Jackson Freeman** and **Nellis Calvert**, **Jack Carter** and **Florence Evans**, **John & Mary Anne Georgi**, **Paul & Barbara Hardy**, **Guy & Jane Hogue**, **Arthur & Cathy Hotchkiss**, **Sherl & Ray Hovas**, and **John & Francis Krause**.

Paul & Stella Mattson motored up from the L.A. area as did **Bill & Suzanna Selesky**, **Barney Boronich** and **Marion Yates** came all the way from Alhambra. **Max & Billie McAl-**

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5/99 - 5/00	LAPD Director
5/00 - 5/01	EDW. RETIRED

Another Round for My Pal!

Although the date has passed, we are publishing this retirement announcement for commemorative purposes.

The Los Angeles Police Department Announces A Retirement Party honoring P-3+1

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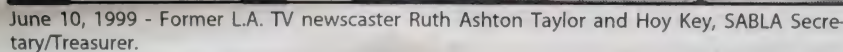
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by Bernie Remas

A surprise returnee to the SABLA ranks in June was none other than **Art Van Court**. Now Art has been busy the last few years, but he's been loyal to SABLA and never been too far away.

In May, **John Powers** was back along with **Carl Kuehn**, **Bob Keel**, **Nate Iannone**, **Ray Lauritzen** and **Ed Lewandowski**. Where were you in



Next we had two new members pay their dues. All the way from Greagle, CA, came **George Conroy**, #6948, and his wife, **Harriet!** George retired in 1978 from LAPD's ECC project. Also, **Larry Hinrichs**, #12141, from Grass Valley retired in 1994 after doing 30 years. Welcome aboard!
Come and

The Los Angeles Police

As you can see, we had a busy couple of months here this past spring, and now the beat goes on! If you're reading

You just cannot go into the new millennium without having attended this SABLA BBQ and picnic! **Ron & Marilyn Kiser** are readying things—like the salami and wine potato toss. The Hay

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Seen heading for the dessert table were **Bob & Joan McSeveney, Robert**

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Legendary Ladies

by Gail Ryan

On June 12, 1999, over 91 people, of whom 75 were retired Los Angeles policewomen, attended a luncheon at Steven's Steak House, honoring LAPD's remaining 10 active policewomen.

The "Legendary Ladies" (original policewomen) meet once a year to rekindle old friendships and reminisce about the old days on LAPD when there were less than 100 sworn women on the



(Left to right): Paula Feinmark, Chief Parks, Commander Margaret York and Lt. Ann Young.



(Left to right): Back Row - Prudence Wright, Kris Hosford, Connie Castruita, Jennifer Leos, Corki Rochlitz, Charlene Reming, Sharon Rilling; Front Row - Sally Barnes, Gustie Bell, Susan Allison, Kathy Keranen.

job. Through the years, as their numbers have dwindled, the luncheons have become smaller and smaller. This year's luncheon, which was hosted by the LAWPOA, drew one of the largest crowds in years. They had come to honor the 10 remaining policewomen. Another 1st in LAPD history, all had over 30 years of service. The 10 honored "Legends" were Susan Allison, Sally Barnes, Connie Dial, Karen Fleming, Judith Haiser, Kathleen Keranen, Rita Knecht, Sharon Rill-

ing, Gail Ryan, Prudence Wright, and Margaret York.

There were a lot of other firsts at the luncheon. Several members of the 1st Policewoman Class of 1946 were in attendance, along with the first policewoman to become a Commander, the first to become a police officer, the first to walk a footbeat on Main Street, and the first Oriental policewoman.

Det. Paula Feinmark was "Mistress of Ceremonies" and Commander Peggy York was the main speaker.

Chief and Mrs. Parks attended, with the Chief presenting certificates to the 10 remaining policewomen in honor of their status and years of service. Chief Julius Davis and Captains Tatreau and Bonneau were also in attendance.

Fanchon Blake flew in from Oregon, while Gail Coutts and Carolyn Murphy came all the way from Idaho to attend this historic event. Pinky Hunter was there to represent the Women Police Officer's Association of California. And, Shannon Boyd attended in honor of her mother, the late Peggy Boyd 12'98. There was not a dry eye in the house after retired Captain Diane Harber toasted the memories of all those policewomen who had passed on during the years, including Det. Nancy Lyon 2'99. Diane's toast stated, "Let us never forget that female officers are where they are today because they are standing on the shoulders of Giants like Peggy Boyd and Connie Speck, whose work enable you to retire."

When the luncheon ended everyone gathered to talk, vowing to return next year, the year 2000.

The year 2000 marks the 75th anniversary of the Los Angeles Women Police Officer's Association. In honor of this historical event, LAWPOA plans to host the 2000 Legendary Ladies Luncheon in honor of all past and present presidents of LAWPOA on Saturday, June 10, 2000, at Steven's Steak House. SEE YOU THERE.

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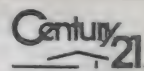
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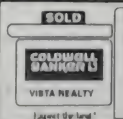
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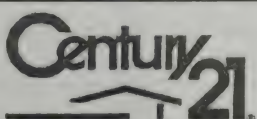
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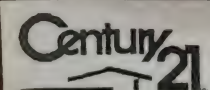
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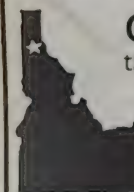
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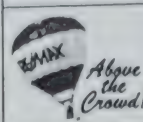
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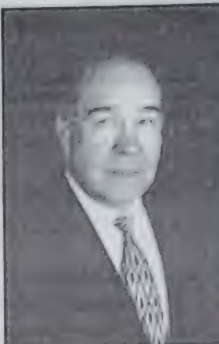
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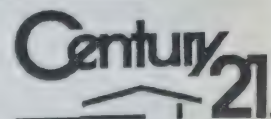
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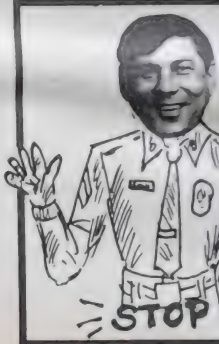


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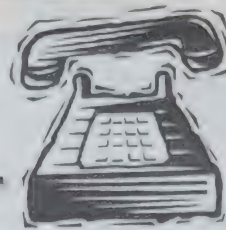
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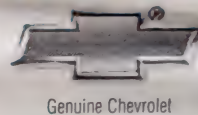
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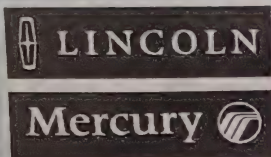
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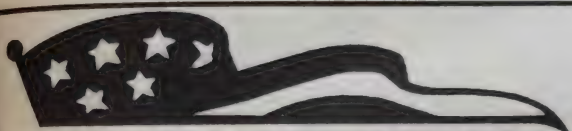


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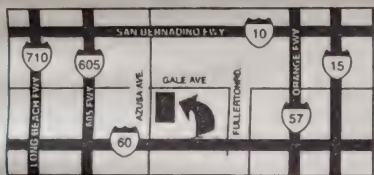


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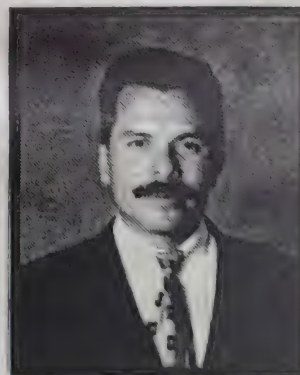
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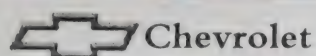


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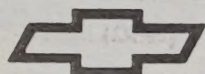
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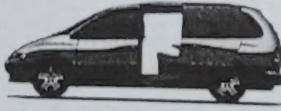



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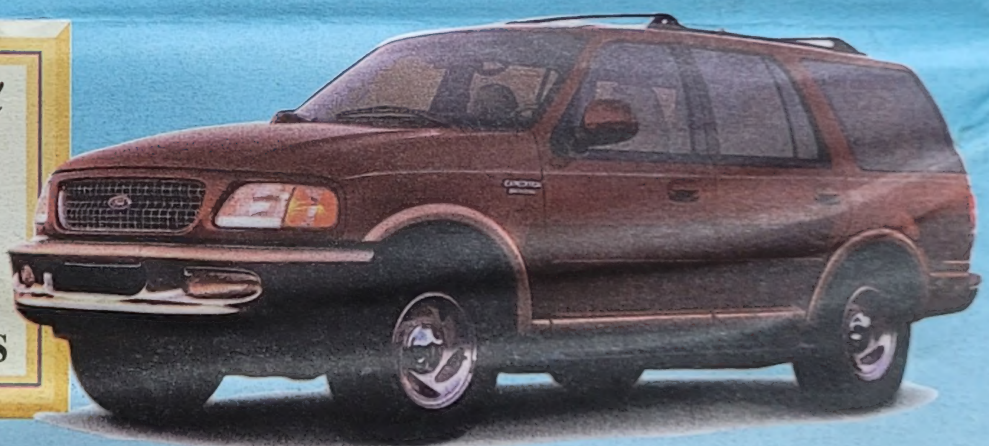


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